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POWER WANING.

CANTON'S COMMUNISTIC INFLUENCE.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 18.

The passing of every day almost of every hour, renders more secure the supremacy of General Chang Kai-shek, and makes more emphatic the fact that the influence of the Communists in the Cantonese Government is greatly on the wane.

The Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, still in session, has given General Chang a unanimous vote of confidence and has unanimously passed his series of eight resolutions which reduce the power and prestige of the Communists.

The committee appointed to consider those eight resolutions not only gave approval, but proposed a ninth, as follows:—

"Communist members in the Kuomintang are to be limited to one-third of the membership on all committees in the higher organisations of the Party."

Challenge To Chang?

This ninth proviso was also given unanimous approval by the plenary session of the Central Executive Committee.

One Communist member of the committee rose and demanded an explanation of the "March 20 incident" when General Chang Kai-shek took disciplinary measures against Commander Li Chi-lung of the cruiser "Chung Shan" (formerly the "Wing Fung") and flagship of the Canton Navy.

General Chang, replying on his own behalf, admitted having exceeded his authority in dealing with the naval situation of March 20, but declared that an emergency situation demanded prompt and decisive action. He then invited a vote of censure and punishment from the Kuomintang, but received instead a unanimous vote of confidence, proposed by Mr. Sun Fo and seconded by Mr. Chang Ching-kiang.

Looking For War.

The military movement to the North continues with great speed, and it is subject for comment here that a great bulk of the troops being sent to meet Wu Pei-fu's allies are those who are suspected of sympathy with the Communists, or who are, at least, considered of doubtful loyalty to General Chang. Just enough of the faithful Chang troops are going northward to frustrate any movements towards treachery, but the city and environs are entirely in the hands of General Chang and his real supporters.

On all sides is evidence that the crisis is believed to be past, and there are undisguised signs of relief in Canton that the "Reds" were not victorious in the trial of strength which began at the Central Executive Committee meeting on Saturday.

For a time rumours of a coming Communist regime had a very bad effect upon business, but now confidence is felt on every hand.

The city is placarded with manifestoes against persons who spread rumours of impending changes, and rumour-mongers will be imprisoned and fined. The Canton City Merchants' Association and other influential organisations have addressed open letters to business men and citizens generally expressing faith in the present stability, and saying there "is no reason why we should be doubtful and frighten ourselves by the rumours regarding the practice of Communism."

Reported Bank Loan.

Further stability has been given to the financial situation by General Chang Kai-shek negotiating a reported deal with the Bank of Canton whereby \$1,000,000 in silver was secured for the Central Bank in exchange for \$500,000 of Hongkong currency and \$500,000 of secured and guaranteed Nationalist (paper) currency.

The request that the Nationalist Government abolish the oil monopoly, originally advanced by the Peasants Congress and the All-China Labour Convention, has also been given approval by joint resolutions adopted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Canton City Merchants Union, the Merchants Unions Federation

VALEDICTORY.

DEPARTURE OF REV. T. B. POWELL.

A FORCE FOR GOOD.

By the departure to-day of the Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A., Assistant Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, the Colony loses a popular padre who had interested himself in many movements connected with and apart from his duties as Assistant Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral.

Mr. Powell has been largely instrumental in the compilation of a prison library, his own personal contributions and those of residents whom he interested in the work forming the basis of what he hopes will grow into a library worthy of the opportunity afforded for brightening the lot of prison inmates. An extra effort to add to this was always made at Xmas time and Mr. Powell also interested himself in attempts to have the prison Xmas fare altered more in accordance with the spirit of the festive season.

Mr. Powell had hoped to see the formation locally of a branch of the "Toc H." movement for keeping alive the ideals of service in the observance of which so many lives were laid down in the Great War. In the words of one who assisted Mr. Powell in his local endeavours, the idea of the organisers of this movement is to "harness all the vague aspirations for good that float about in people's minds—to harness them to catch the stream of goodwill and make it drive the Mills of God which seemed particularly at the time of the movement's inception (after the Great War) to be grinding slowly."

When the founder of the movement, Mr. Clayton, paid a visit to the Far East and started branches in India and the F.M.S. it was Mr. Powell's hope that Mr. Clayton would be able to call here but the crisis which developed prevented such a visit from becoming a practical possibility.

Mr. Powell also interested himself in other progressive movements and was a force for good in all work associated with St. John's Cathedral. His many friends have subscribed to a parting gift as a mark of their personal regard for him and also of their appreciation of his work in the Colony.

THE WEATHER.

Until noon to-morrow the forecast is light, variable winds; fine to cloudy.

The report issued from the Observatory at 10.50 a.m. to-day states that the anticyclone is now centred to the north-east of Hokkaido. The depression has moved eastward. It now has two centres, one between Shanghai and Chefoo, and one to the north-east of Formosa.

and the Canton Merchants' Federation.

Marching to Arms.
Other reports which have reached the "China Mail" indicate that Kuomintang forces are moving about in different parts of the province.

Semi-official quarters predict that the vanguard of the Northern Expedition will actually be in the war zone within a matter of days.

The first big objective, it is stated, is the capture of Changsha and Yochow, two important towns in Yangtze valley, in the centre of Marshal Wu Pei-fu's domains.

At present, there is a general in southern Hunan, who is gaining the sympathy of Canton in his struggle against the pro-Wu armies. It is proposed to make the towns of Nanchang and Ching (in northern Kwangtung) the main bases of the Expedition, which will gradually work into the neighbouring provinces of Kiangsi and Hunan. General Tan Yen-kai of the Canton Government commands a number of troops who are natives of Hunan and they will be used in the war.

Other soldiers marching to the call of arms are the Cadets and other pro-Chang regiments stationed at or near Swatow. Some of these are returning to Canton.

"SETTLE STRIKE."

CANTON MERCHANTS PASS RESOLUTION.

THE "VIEWS OF ALL."

Chambers of Commerce To End Boycott?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 18.

"To form a Strike Settlement Committee to settle the Canton-Hongkong strike in accordance with the views of the Government, the merchants and the strikers."—Such is the joint resolution passed by Canton's four leading mercantile organisations, these being the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Canton City Merchants' Union, the Merchants Unions Federation and the Canton Merchants' Federation.

Rumours Current.

Many rumours are still current. A correspondent of the "China Mail," who has reached Macao from up-country, is pessimistic about the "bet"—at even money—that the boycott will "die out" by the end of the month when the pickets will mysteriously vanish.

His answer to an inquiry is that if such were the intention, the picket tribunals would certainly have speeded up their machinery for imposing heavy fines and confiscating cargoes and hulls in their hands. Such has not been done at Kongmoon, or other ports. One good sign that he is very much impressed by is that it is now possible to purchase foreign coal in fairly large quantities, in Canton and ship same up-country. Hitherto the practice has been to buy the coal in Hongkong and get through the customs by bribes, paying \$5 a ton or more. Purchase in Canton, however, brings no advantage. The cost is several dollars a ton higher, and the roundabout methods of transport add to the freight to an extent which just about balances both ways—and the merchant can make no saving!

From the small ports nearer to Hongkong than Canton, and other places on the coast between this Colony and Swatow, small craft are coming here in fairly large numbers as the pickets have increased their vigilance in those districts.

HARBOUR SERVICE.

"SOLAR STAR" ON TRIAL TRIP.

TO RUN NEXT WEEK.

One of the two new "Star" ferries has been completed by the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company and after undergoing inclining tests in the dockyard was on a trial trip yesterday when the engines were given a thorough test. Everything proved satisfactory and the new ferry will be on the run next week.

This is the "Solar Star" and the other which is well on the way to completion is the "Night Star." Both are of similar build to the larger ferries which have enabled the service to be considerably speeded up, the upper deck of the two newer ones being slightly longer.

With the replacement of the smaller ferries still on the run by the two larger ones, the service across the harbour will be more expeditious. In rush hours it will be possible to give practically a continuous service with a ferry at each side of the wharf.

MAILS.

The U.S. "President Madison" brought this morning a total of 772 bags of U.S.A. and other mail, included in which were 20 bags from London via Siberia.

Other arrivals were 81 bags from Australia and Manila by the s.s. "Tango Maru" and a mail from the Straits.

The s.s. "Empress of Russia" mail is due at about 4 p.m. to-day.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/2 18/16.

WAGES OBSTACLE.

MINERS TO RESIST IMMEDIATE REDUCTION.

STILL A RAY OF HOPE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 19.

It is understood that the Executive of the Miners' Federation will recommend the delegate conference to-morrow (Thursday) to endorse the reorganisation proposals in the report of the Royal Commission, but to reject the immediate wage reduction implications contained in the Government's proposals and the Commission's report.

The policy of the Executive is based on reports from the coal fields indicating fairly general resistance to any departure from the existing wage standard at least pending the reorganisation of the industry.

It is believed that the delegates will accept the recommendation practically unanimously, but there is still some hope that the situation will change shortly.

Significant.

It is regarded as significant that the Executive will propose that the delegate conference, after endorsing the recommendation, shall adjourn till Friday to enable the Executive to conduct any further negotiations possible.

Funds for Miners.

London, May 19.

The Miners' Executive has formally accepted the contribution of \$260,000 from the Russian miners to help the British miners.

It is reported that assistance is coming from all directions at home and abroad, and, if necessary, the miners will be able to carry on the struggle for weeks.

Communists Sentenced.

London, May 18.

Mrs. Margery Pollitt, on appearing on remand at Bow Street Police Court, was fined £50 and five guineas costs or, in the alternative, three months' imprisonment.

James Stewart, acting General Secretary of the Communist Party, was fined £100 and five guineas costs, or three months' imprisonment.

Two sisters named Span were bound over for twelve months.

All were charged with possessing certain documents in contravention of the Emergency Regulations.

[A cablegram of May 10 reported: Mrs. Marjorie Pollitt, wife of the Communist leader, Mr. Harry Pollitt, was charged at Bow Street Police Court with the unlawful possession of documents containing false statements the publication of which would be a contravention of the Emergency Regulations and likely to cause disaffection among the civil population. She was remanded on bail.]

A Deadlock.

London, May 19.

After a meeting of the Miners' Executive to-day, Mr. Cook said the position was a deadlock. The Executive refused to agree to any alteration in hours or wages.

An Embargo Removed.

Amsterdam, May 19.

The Transport Workers International have removed the embargo on the export of coal and food to Britain, and also the prohibition on the bunkering of British vessels. It is conceivable, though improbable, that the embargo will be reimposed on coal exports in the event of the British Transport Workers refusing to handle foreign coal.

TO-DAY'S CONFERENCE.

What Will Be The Outcome?

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, May 19.
The Miners' Executive sat for several hours to-day considering the new position created by the Government's proposals.

To-morrow the issue will be put before the all-delegate conference of the Miners' Federation. On this conference the hopes of a settlement are now centred.

The conference may accept the proposals of the Government or authorise the Executive to conduct further negotiations on the basis of proposals, or refer the whole issue to a ballot of the coal fields.

The Miners' Executive is a present bound by the decision of the delegate conference against accept-

MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

FORMER CONSTABLE'S NEW PROFESSION.

KEEPING A DIVAN.

An allegation of assault by Senior Revenue Officer Watt to the extent of enforcing an admission was made by a Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy when he was charged with being in charge of an opium divan on behalf of a second man, the keeper of the divan, who was also charged with the offence.

Although there were two others who made up the smoking party, and therefore the customers of the divan, the accused failed to prove his allegation and was given double the penalty—a fine of \$50, or one month's hard labour.

The excuses put forward by the second accused to account for the presence of opium cross in his box also failed, and he was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour. This man had resigned his position as "lukung" to engage in what he described as his own business.

On the lesser charge of smoking, each of the other two were fined \$2. Here again one man was identified as a bad character. He had just completed ten days in prison for impersonating a revenue officer, and when caught in the divan, he had in his possession a Colonial Secretary's Office messenger badge and a sailor's pass, both of which he could have used for imposing on people. No charges were, however, made in respect of these and they were retained.

Keep To Rubbish!

An extraordinary tale of amateur detective work was related in another case by a "rat catcher" of the Sanitary Department. He said that he found a man carrying a sack of rice in suspicious circumstances and challenged him. The man then dropped the bag and bolted. He naturally took charge of it.

This assumption of the functions of a constable failed to make any impression on the Magistrate. The story was related to explain how the sack of rice came to be on his (the rat catcher's) own shoulder caught by a detective.

In imposing a fine of \$5 for unlawful possession, His Worship advised accused in future to confine his attention to rubbish and rats and leave rice alone.

Stolen Cheese.

Three Chinese employees of Messrs. Connell Bros. Company were charged before Major C. Wilson with the larceny of 14 boxes of "Kraft" American cheese, which were identified as the property of the firm by the manager, Mr. A. M. Horder.

The evidence showed that the boxes had been kept aside owing to being in bad condition, but when investigations were made after the arrest of a man carrying three boxes in the street, it was found that the defective cheese had been served on customers and the new boxes made use of by the accused.

All were found guilty and sentenced to three weeks' hard labour each. A fourth man, who was charged with receiving the stolen property, was remanded until to-morrow when a further charge of attempted bribery may be added.

A case of "dog bite" was reported to the police yesterday, the victim being the owner, a Chinese woman living at Wanchai.

An unknown Chinese having the appearance of a street coolie was found hanging from a tree on the hillside below Mount Davis yesterday. The body was sent to the mortuary.

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The effect of the recent general strike is reflected in the latest unemployment returns issued by the Ministry of Labour. On May 10 the total number of persons registered as unemployed was 1,576,000. Just previous to the strike the total had fallen to below one million. In addition to these 1,576,000 notices of claims to benefit had been given in respect of about 325,000 workers not at work in the mining industry on account of the dispute and about 200,000 on strike in other industries.

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DR. OZORIO RETIRES.

The work which has been in hand for some weeks of preparing a list of voters which will make provision for exempted jurors to be able to exercise their voting power in cases such as the last Sanitary Board election, will no longer be required so urgently as Dr. P. M. G. Ozorio has announced his intention not to stand at the postponed election.

The adjournment was made owing to the unsatisfactory arrangements for recording votes at the last poll for a Sanitary Board vacancy when a large number who had waited for some time before the closing hour were prevented from recording their votes. The two candidates at that occasion were Dr. Ozorio and Dr. S. C. Ho, the latter of whom obtained the majority of votes registered.

The reason given for Dr. Ozorio's retirement is that Dr. Ho should have the seat as he was successful at the initial election.

LOCAL ESTATE.

COSTLY APPLICATION DELAY.

Delay in an application for re-sealing in respect of probate of estate in Hongkong amounting to \$204,300 proved costly in that treble the original duty had to be paid. The original duty was \$46,254.

The estate was that of the late Mr. Montague Berrill of Meola, Sawbridgeworth, Hertford, who died at the General Hospital, Shanghai, on November 20, 1919. Mr. R. F. Mattingley, acting on behalf of Mrs. O. E. Miller, one of deceased's daughters, applied to the Hongkong Supreme Court for the re-sealing of the will. The application has just been granted.

Deceased shared his estate amongst several sons and daughters, all of whom reside in the British Isles.

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"In the mornings particularly my fingers were so stiff that I could hardly move them at all. My wife mentioned to me about a neighbour who had been very much benefited by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and more to please her than anything else I agreed to try them. Within a week or so I began to feel the benefit. I continued the pills, and the improvement became more marked, the rheumatism grew less and less acute, and then gradually leaving one joint after another. My recovery is solely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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EASIER LAW.

THE POOR PERSONS' DEPARTMENT.

"The Poor Persons' Department at the High Court, which has dealt hitherto with applications to sue or defend as a poor person has been abolished. Its duties are now carried out by the solicitors' branch of the legal profession acting through the Law Society and the provincial Law Societies."

"Care is to be taken to discourage frivolous litigation, and no doubt the defunct High Court department has a black list in this respect. It is probable that notices will be put up in police courts, county courts, and possibly the post offices, telling the public what facilities for cheap litigation are at the disposal of the poor," writes "A Barrister" in the "Manchester Guardian."

"Special provisions prevent solicitors from making a profit out of the work, and counsel will do their part without fee, as hitherto. Proceedings can only be brought in the Supreme Court or on the civil side at assizes."

"To sue as a poor person one must be worth less than 250 (excluding clothes, trade tools, and the subject matter of the proceedings) and one's income must not exceed £2 a week. By special leave these figures may be raised in particular cases to £100 and £4 a week."

"The new rules extend to British subjects and foreigners abroad who have a cause of action in the English Courts. The reforms now introduced are likely to lead to a great increase of litigation by poor persons," states the "Times."

"That there was a strong case for the introduction of the system is shown by the fact that since 1914 over 40,000 applications have been considered, and no fewer than 17,000 poor litigants have been granted leave to have their cases tried."

"Poor persons have recovered sums exceeding £62,000, and in a little over eleven years the Government Department concerned has dispatched over half a million letters and has employed 2,500 solicitors and 500 counsel. The Law Societies have taken over a very heavy and a growing task. They may be trusted to see that futile litigation is not encouraged, but that all cases of hardship will receive full consideration."

PROPERTY SALES.

There was little bidding at either of two property sales yesterday and prices in both cases were low. At Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Auction Rooms, property situated at Shinghuipui and consisting of Kowloon New Island Lot No. 387, with two new un-numbered houses thereon in Tin Liu Street, held for a term of 75 years from 1886 were put up, but only brought forth one bid. This was made by Mr. Lau Man, of 81 Wuehow Street, who became the new owner at the sum of \$5,000.

At the China Auction Rooms, Section C, of Kowloon Island Lot No. 359 was put up by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa. The area of the lot is approximately 1,774 square feet at an annual Crown Rental of \$7.71 and is held for a term of 75 years from 1887. Two houses are erected thereon, known as Nos. 273 and 275 Temple Street.

Opening at \$10,000, six bids of \$100 each were made and the property passed to Mr. Fung Sang for the sum of \$10,600.



Mrs. Percy K. Hudson, the former Hungarian film beauty, who married the millionaire clubman and lineal descendant of the famous explorer, Henry Hudson, fled a suit for a separation in New York, accusing him of being a "fervid lover and a chilly spouse."

CHINA'S PROBLEM.

IF EVERY ENGLISHMAN WERE TO LEAVE.

"The impact of new forces in China has come not from England alone, but from the West—from Europe and America and through Japan," said Mr. Archibald Rose, who speaks from wide knowledge of China and the East gained during many years in the diplomatic and consular services, in a speech recorded in the "Manchester Guardian."

"If every Englishman and every British firm were to leave China to-morrow the main ele-



J. S. Freelinghuysen and Hamilton F. Keane were named by New Jersey Republicans to oppose Senator Edwards, Democrat, who was declared certain to be a candidate again.

ments of the Chinese problem would remain as they are to-day, for the problem is not one of race, but of the contact of cultures and ways of life, in regard to which there is a fundamental unity in all Western civilisation.

"The Chinese are trying to build up a new form of government, a new machine of administration, a new system of communications, and a new standard of life. They have found the task one of enormous difficulty, for they are dealing with a vast country and a very numerous people. The struggle has been marked by five years of incessant civil strife involving untold losses to the people and to the national assets of China. They will work out their own salvation in their own good time."

"It would not be wise for the West to try and impose its will. Nor would it be just or neighbourly to refuse help if it should be sought by China."

"The Chinese have made up their minds to play an active part in the world of to-day, in its politics, its commerce, and its industry, in its League of Nations, its education, and its life, and they have a capacity and a personality which will most certainly attract attention and secure a fair proportion of leadership in many of the world's activities."

"Chinese influence in the world will count for a great deal in the next generation. To get in tune with that influence, with the thought and aspirations and activities of China, will be one of the great adventures of a world which is embarking on a new form of civilisation, full of promise, full of hope, full of problems, and with a still uncharted course."

Mukden, May 4. — The Japanese authorities are rigorously enforcing the regulations of the Kwangtung Government which provide that foreigners will not be allowed to enter the area under its administration unless they carry passports with proper Japanese visas. Several foreigners, ignorant of this regulation, have had the vexatious experience of being forced to leave the train on which they were travelling for Dairen and return to Mukden in order to have their passports vised at the Japanese Consulate.

POLITICAL SCANDAL IN JAPAN.

CHARGE OF BRIBERY AGAINST FORMER MINISTER.

The Tokyo correspondent of the "North-China Daily News" under date April 25 writes:—

Another politician, hitherto regarded as "perfectly upright and a model of integrity," has fallen foul of the law, as the result of the notorious revelations made in the last session of the Diet with regard to the bribery resorted to in connection with removing the Osaka licensed quarter from the centre of Japan's commercial metropolis to a suburb of that city.

This is Mr. Katsudo Minoura, who once held the portfolio of communications and who, until his arrest, was regarded as a veteran adviser of the Kenseikai (Pro-Government) party. The arrest has shocked the public and the press. He is one of the only five men who have been able to secure a seat in every Diet election ever since Japan was given her toy parliament.

He was formally arrested in Tokyo and, under the escort of a police sergeant, was taken secretly to Osaka. Here, the preliminary investigations were of a nature unfavourable to him and he was charged with fraud and remanded to the Osaka jail pending the hearing of the case.

The accused is 72 years of age, and in consideration of this and of the high positions he has held, he was carefully protected from camera men and taken to jail in a closed ricksha, instead of in the usual Black Maria. Mr. Minoura is alleged to have received a bribe of Yen 50,000 in connection with the movement launched to change the location of Osaka's counterpart of the "Yoshiwara." The prosecution declares that it is in possession of the receipt Minoura gave for the Yen 50,000 in question.

STRONG SUNSHINE.

BELIEVED CAUSE OF BERT-BERTI PARTLY.

Tokyo, April 23. — The growth of bert-berti, the dread disease of the Orient, is caused to a certain degree by strong sunshine, according to Dr. Bunpei Nakamura of the Osaka University of Medicine, who recently announced the results of exhaustive experiments with the malady.

"Knowing that bert-berti is found generally in tropical and semi-tropical regions where sunshine abounds, Dr. Nakamura began to investigate with numerous patients exposed to varying degrees of the sun's heat. He found that constant exposure to the sun caused those afflicted with bert-berti to become worse. Experiments were also made with bert-berti excretions."

Dr. Nakamura tells of one of his patients who was afflicted with optic neuritis, an accompanying ailment to bert-berti. He bandaged one of the eyes of this patient and found that the bandaged eye recovered its sight far more quickly than the one exposed to the sunshine.

Another experiment was conducted by means of several bert-berti rats which were fed with whitened, polished rice. Bert-berti is supposed to be caused by the eating of polished rice which lacks an essential element known as "Vitamin B." The rats were separated in two compartments, one darkened and the other flooded with sunshine. The rats exposed to the sunshine died far more rapidly than did those kept in darkness.

Washington, May 7. — An agreement was reached to-day by the joint congressional postal committee for the restoration of the one cent rate on postcards. The rate now is two cents.



Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, of the U.S. Supreme Court, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday recently, proud that he had not missed a session of the court since his appointment twenty-four years ago.

BRITISH CATERING.

"THE FINEST IN THE WORLD."

The 300 American hotel proprietors and managers received a vociferous welcome to Plymouth's flag-draped quay.

Those who have been to Plymouth before told those who had come for the first time that the hotels, although not intended to answer the same requirements as those of the United States, were as comfortable as any in the world.

A Dyspeptic Old Man.

Mr. E. M. Statler, owner of the biggest chain of hotels in that country, said:—

Your aim is to provide comfort and content without creating dyspepsia. What a pity some of you want to copy frilly Continental cookery when your food is am speaking as a dyspeptic old man—is the finest in the world!

You do not cater for a great and steady flow of people from town to town as we do, and so perhaps do not require a 2,200-rooms place like my hotel, the Pennsylvania, New York. But what you have, whether great London hotels or country hostels, have seemed to me to be admirable.

At least you can be sensible regarding what you provide. We are compelled not to serve beers or light wines, when it would be much wiser and better for health if we were not allowed to serve too much lobster or steak.

Boat Train Dinner.
Mr. Statler was enthusiastic about the boat train dinner provided, which was for all passengers, delegates or not. He said:—

It is a typically English meal with an appeal no country man challenges. The grape fruit to begin with is the only bowling to American taste. There is good soup, salmon from your own Severn, spring lamb, Surrey capons, meringue and cream, and dessert. A little too much food, perhaps, but the sort of meal you can eat every day without tiring of it. Which is what no one can say of fancy dishes.



JUDGE GEORGE W. ENGLISH

Impeachment proceedings were started against Federal Judge George W. English, of the Eastern District of Illinois, after it was alleged that a corrupt bankruptcy ring was operated through his court. He refused to resign, claiming that he was innocent.

ANTI-SEMITIC CRIME IN GERMANY.

Berlin, March 31. — A strange trial came to an end at Erfurt to-day. The accused were three outlandish members of the Viking League, an anti-Semitic Nationalist organisation. They had wrecked nearly a hundred tombstones in the Jewish cemetery overnight. This piece of vandalism crowned a long and violent anti-Semitic agitation. Two of the accused were sentenced to thirty months' imprisonment, and the third to eighteen months. A great deal of the responsibility for such crimes lies with the anti-Semitic press, which day in and day out attributes all Germany's woes to the Jews, not even excluding her defeat in war and the revolution. Much of this propaganda is taken seriously, with results such as the murder of Dr. Rathenau and the Erfurt outrages.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Glasgow" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after to-day will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Lucifer" are reminded that goods remaining in the Godowns after May 25 will be subject to rent.

I am a confirmed pacifist in industry—Stanley Baldwin.

GENERAL SUN.

CHINESE PROPOSALS FOR RENDITION REACHED.

Now that he has realised his scheme for the creation of a special Chinese municipality to govern the Chinese side of Shanghai, General Sun Chuan-fang, Tapan of Kiangsu, is turning his attention to the question of the International Mixed Court. Chinese reports state that he has discussed this question with judicial officers he has appointed, and that a decision has been reached in conference regarding the proposed plans for the Court, but no announcement has been made on the point.

Three representatives of local Chinese bodies are reported to have called on General Sun at his yamen at Lungwa and conferred with him, when they placed before him their views on the Mixed Court. General Sun is reported to have informed them that he will open negotiations with the Consular Body to settle not only the Mixed Court question, but find a suitable basis for liquidating the outstanding May 30 issues.

Committee Appointed.
Mr. Kwan Chun, Senior Magistrate at the Mixed Court, and Mr. Kuan Yuan, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, were present at the conference with local delegates. General Sun has appointed Mr. Sun Zao-kang, Chief of the Shanghai district Court of Procuration, and Mr. Sun Shih-ching, Chief of the Shanghai district Court of Justice, members of a committee to consider the Mixed Court question. General Sun was "at home" to members of the Consular Body, other local officials and leading foreigners at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, on May 7.

PEACOCK PIE.

A peacock pie—one of the rarest and most delicate of pies—was the dish of honour at a banquet which was given by prominent citizens of Glasgow to the Savoy-Orpheans, who made an Easter concert tour in Scotland.

The pie was made by M. Laury, chef of the Savoy Restaurant, and travelled north with the Savoy Orpheans in their special train. The peacock itself came from a private estate in Buckinghamshire. "There is no flavour like that of peacock pie," said M. Laury. "It cannot be likened to that of any other game or meat; it is something between that of a young chicken and a pheasant. The recipe from which the pie has been made is over 300 years old, and is itself a secret."

NOTICES.

PALACE HOTEL.

BILLIARD HANDICAP.

A BILLIARD HANDICAP, 250 up will be held at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon. SILVER CUPS will be presented for the First, Second and Third Prizes, and a Special Prize for the Highest Break.

Entrance Fee \$3.00.
Entries Close on May 23.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1926.

SAFE DEPOSIT VAULTS.

THE BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE beg to inform all interested in safe deposit, that they have actually in their new building, 5, Queen's Road, safe deposit boxes at the yearly rate of \$8 for the small size and \$12 for the large size.

Please apply to the Cashier.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1926.

NOTICES.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

WHITESUNTIME MEETING.

MONDAY, 24TH MAY, 1926.

Saddling Bell 2.30 p.m.
First Race 3.00 p.m.
Entrance to Enclosure & Covered Stands \$1.00 per head
Motor cars can be parked on the rail opposite the grand stand \$5 per car.
Special EXPRESS Train to the Races leaves Kowloon at 1.45 p.m.
Return Special EXPRESS Train leaves Fanling Station at 5.52 p.m.
Refreshments will be catered for by the Ritz.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on FRIDAY, 21st May, 1926, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the method of acquiring Subscription Grilles for next season. The attendance of all members interested is requested.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong 18th May, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 5th June, 1926, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, 22nd May, 1926.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1926.

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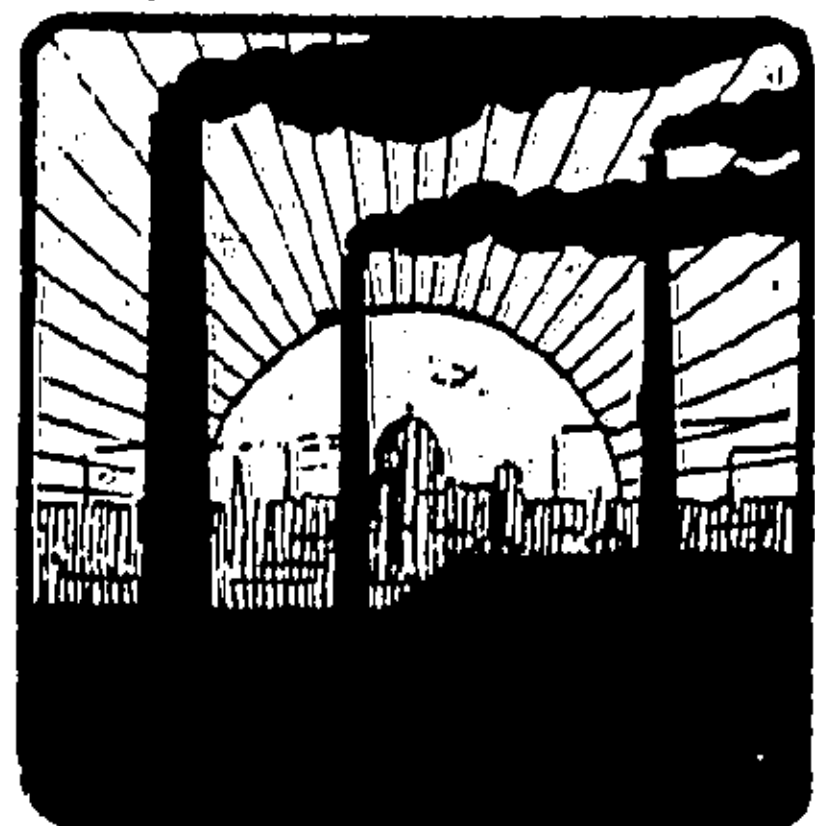
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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.	
ANDES MARU	Saturday, 5th June.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	
SANTOS MARU	Wednesday, 16th June.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
HEIMER MARU	Thursday, 20th May.
TACOMA MARU	Sunday, 23rd June.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA	
PANAMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd June.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.	
SANUKI MARU	Thursday, 27th May.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	
SEKKOW MARU	Wednesday, 2nd June.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai)	Tuesday, 8th June.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.	
SHUNKO MARU (From Keelung)	Sunday, 23rd May.
JAPAN PORTS	
BINGO MARU	Monday, 24th May.
INDO MARU	Sunday, 5th June.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday 23rd, May Noon.
KALJO MARU	Sunday, 30th May noon.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.	
KOSU via KEELUNG.	Wednesday, 2nd June 10 a.m.
GANGES MARU	Tuesday, 25th May.
DAIREN via CHEFOO and TSINGTAU.	
KINZAN MARU	Thursday, 20th May.
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WIRELESS OPERATOR FOR PRATAS.

LEAVES TO-MORROW.

Matters which do not fall strictly within the scope of local shipping or trade are being dealt with just now.

To-morrow, the Hongkong Government rescue tug "Kau Sing" is to leave for Pratras with a wireless operator on board.

Pratras is about 180 miles to the south of Hongkong and the "Kau Sing" should take about 18 hours to do the trip there.

The operator, presumably, will be employed on the Chinese Admiralty apparatus which has been used for sending out meteorological observations.

As has been stated in these columns, the sending out of messages by Pratras began after long negotiations with the Chinese Government. The earlier attempts were beset with difficulties. Recently a field set worked satisfactorily but, because of the obstacles to safe landing, a part of the permanent set was damaged, necessitating replacement from Home.

The "Kau Sing" can also be used as a fire-fighter, being equipped with excellent machinery for the purpose. Her name means "Rescue Star." Captain Weatherall, who recently made the trip in the "Pong Tong" to the Pacific, is to be captain.

JUNK CAPTURED.

CREW IN HANDS OF PIRATES.

MASTER'S ESCAPE.

Another piracy in Chinese waters was reported to the police yesterday by the master of a cargo junk which left for Tam-Chau on April 23.

In his report, the master stated that about 20 armed men in a launch approached his junk while lying at anchor near Ma King Sha, in the Heungsham district. He escaped by swimming ashore and observed the pirates boarding the junk. Later the vessel was towed to an unknown destination. The junk carried a crew of six men and a woman and armament consisting of cannon, rifles and muskets. While waiting for news of his vessel he received a letter from the pirates making an appointment to meet at Tai Sha Tan, near Canton, to discuss terms for the release of the junk and the crew.

The value of the junk and property on board is estimated at \$3,000.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Fines inflicted by the Magistrate (Lt.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.), at the Marine Court this morning, for harbour offences were:—

Steam-launch "Kwong Fat," \$15, for carrying 26 passengers in excess of number permitted by licence.

Five boat-mistresses, \$5 each, for lying inshore, i.e. within 100 yards of "low water mark" during prohibited hours at night, without permits.

Four boat licences, \$15, for failing to carry the regulation navigation lights.

INFECTED PORTS.

Local quarantine restrictions imposed against Shanghai on account of small-pox have now been removed. Restrictions have been imposed against Hoifow on account of cholera and similar restrictions have been imposed against Pakhoi on account of plague.

ARMS SEIZURES.

A revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition found on the s.s. "President Madison" and unclaimed, were brought to the Central Police Station yesterday.

During the search a passenger on the vessel was taken into custody for the possession of three "Daisy" air-guns and four pounds of shot.

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S. S.	Tons	From HONGKONG (About)	DESTINATION
"PERIM"	7,648	23rd May at 6 a.m.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May at 6 a.m.	Marseilles and London
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	3rd June	Marseilles, London, Rangoon & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	6,983	10th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	9,114	17th June	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,902	24th June	Marseilles & London
"JEYPORE"	6,918	31st June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMALA"	6,133	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PADUA"	6,907	14th July	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	6,983	21st July	Marseilles & London
"RANPURA"	10,902	28th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	6,097	4th Aug.	Marseilles & London
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	11th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	6,144	18th Aug.	Marseilles & London
"MALWA"	10,941	25th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	6,983	1st Sept.	Marseilles & London
"MANTUA"	10,902	8th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	6,983	15th Sept.	Marseilles & London
"RANPURA"	10,902	22nd Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	29th Sept.	Marseilles & London

Frequent connection from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to
Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by steamers of the
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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

"TALMA"	10,000	23rd May at 11 a.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"SHIRALA"	7,641	29th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	6,949	5th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SANTHA"	7,984	12th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILAWA"	10,000	19th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"PALAMBA"	6,018	26th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SHIRALA"	7,641	3rd July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"TANDA"	6,988	1st June	Manila, Kolambagan, Thursday
"A. A. FURA"	6,000	8th June	Manila, Townsville, Brisbane,
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	15th June	Sydney and Melbourne.

The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd. steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hilo, Cebu,
Kolumbugan, Tawue, Timor, Darwin, or other ports on route as inducement offers.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand,
Vancouver, San Francisco etc.
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The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and
London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"TAKADA"	6,949	23rd May at 6 a.m.	Kobe via Amoy
"MANTUA"	10,902	29th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PADUA"	6,907	5th June	Shanghai & Kobe
"SANTHA"	7,984	12th June	Moji and Kobe
"KARMALA"	6,089	19th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	26th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	6,018	10th July	Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	6,983	17th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SHIRALA"	7,641	24th July	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st July	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"RANPURA"	10,902	7th Aug.	Shanghai only.
"DELTA"	6,097	14th Aug.	Shanghai and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	21st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	6,144	28th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Otsu & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,941	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	6,983	11th Sept.	Otsu, Moji and Kobe
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All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the carrying steamer.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.
Parcels measuring not more than 2 1/2 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

For further information, Passage Freight, Handbooks, etc., apply to—

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS
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VESSELS DUE.

FROM AMOY.

May 21—B. F. Talma

FROM DALNY AND AMOY.

June 1—J. C. L. Tjask

FROM SHANGHAI.

May 14—J. C. L. Tjask

FROM SINGAPORE.

May 11—L. O. N. Rocking

FROM MANILA.

May 11—J. C. L. Tjask

FROM CALCUTTA.

June 7—B. I. Sancha

FROM JAPAN.

May 24—B. I. Sancha

FROM LONDON.

May 27—P. & O. Mentos

FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

June 11—E. & A. Arafura

FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

May 24—J. C. L. Tjask

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Hongkong on April 30 arrived at Vancouver on May 17. The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due here at 4 p.m. to-day and will berth at Kowloon Wharf No. 5.

The P. & O. s.s. "Perim" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 8 a.m. and is due here on May 22 at about 11 a.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port to-day at p.m. and is due here to-morrow at p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Benavonoch" from Hull, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on May 25.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on May 18 and is due here on June 2.



Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, may become a candidate for the Senate against Senator A. B. Cummins.

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SINGLE GRAIN OF RICE.

SOLD IN CAIRO FOR 500 DOLLARS.

Cairo, April 22.—A single grain of rice was sold at the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition here for \$500. It was just an ordinary grain of rice except that it bore writing to the extent of about 150 words. At the price it was more precious than the finest diamond of similar size.

The inscribed grain was worked by Nassib Nakaraw, a Syrian Sheikh of the Lebanon, and a calligraphist of extraordinary skill. He wrote on the grain the famous chapter of the Koran and the text of a speech made by the first Caliph, Abu Bakr, on the day the Caliph assumed the sacred office. The first chapter of the Koran, called the "Batha" or "Opening," is the Lord's Prayer of Islam and runs as follows:—

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate, praise be to God, the Lord of Worlds, the Merciful, the Compassionate, Lord of the Day of Judgment. These do we worship and Thee we beg assistance. Direct us in the right way, in the way of those to whom Thou hast been gracious, on whom there is no wrath, and who go not astray."

The Caliph's speech contains about 100 words, which might give more idea of the task of the calligraphist. He got them all on the grain of rice. Naturally the writing cannot be read with the naked eye, but with an ordinary reading glass of low power every word stands out distinctly and can be easily read. The grain was brought by Hureddin, Hey Mustafa, a collector of oriental manuscripts.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 25th May, 1926, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 25th May, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, 25th May, 1926, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 13th May, 1926.



SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.

TENYO MARU Monday, 31st May, at noon.

KOREA MARU Tuesday, 15th June.

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

BOKUYO MARU Saturday, 26th May, noon.

RAKUYO MARU Tuesday, 17th July.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Ports.

HARUNA MARU Saturday, 22nd May.

KAMO MARU Saturday, 5th June.

KATORI MARU Saturday, 19th June.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd June, at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKAOKA MARU Tuesday, 8th June.

TOYAMA MARU Sunday, 20th June.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

WAKASA MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

GENOA MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

NAGANO MARU Friday, 21st May.

CEYLON MARU Sunday, 30th May.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Friday, 21st May, at 12 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

NAGATO MARU Thursday, 20th May.

MORIOKA MARU Tuesday, 25th May.

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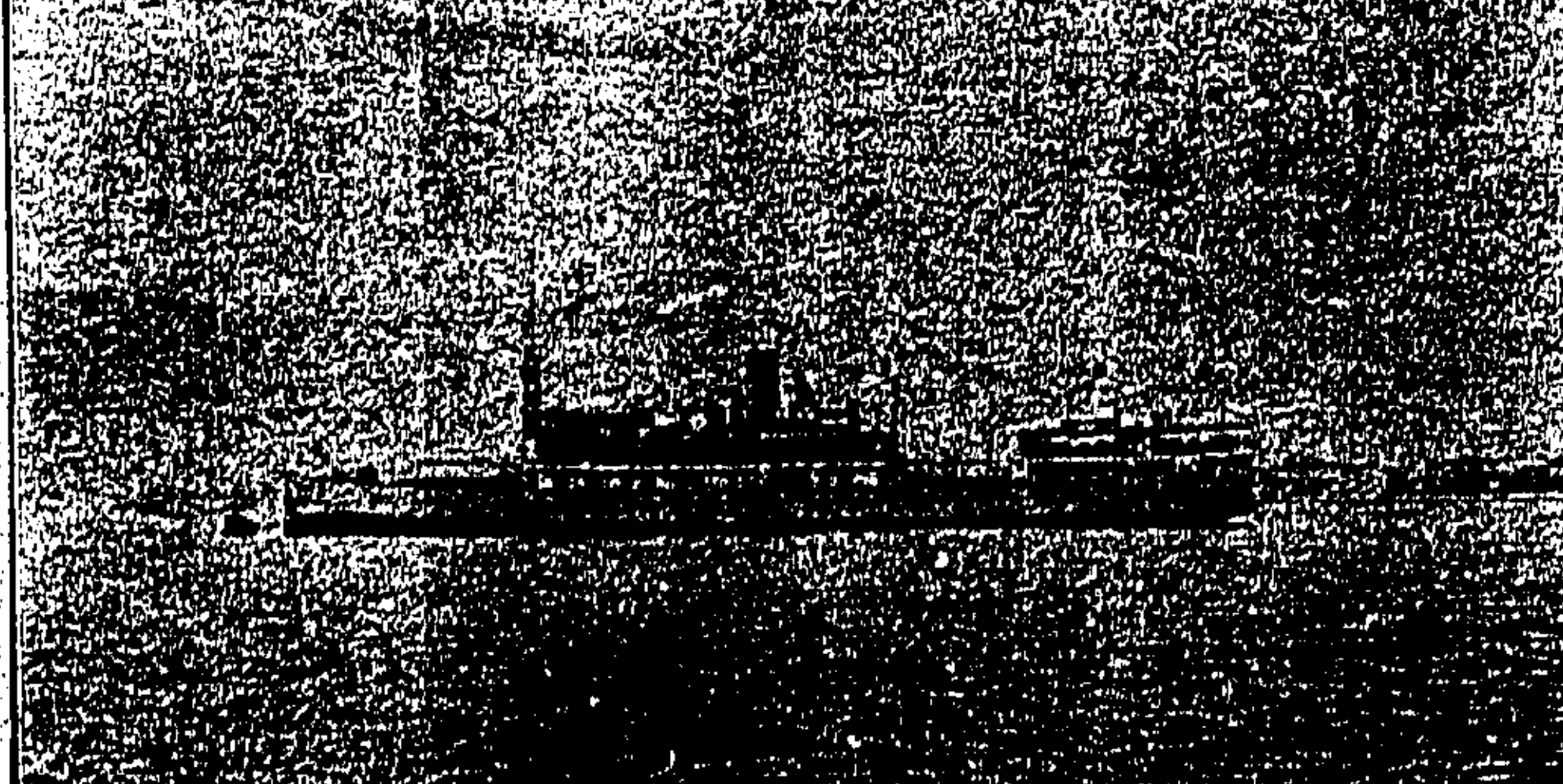
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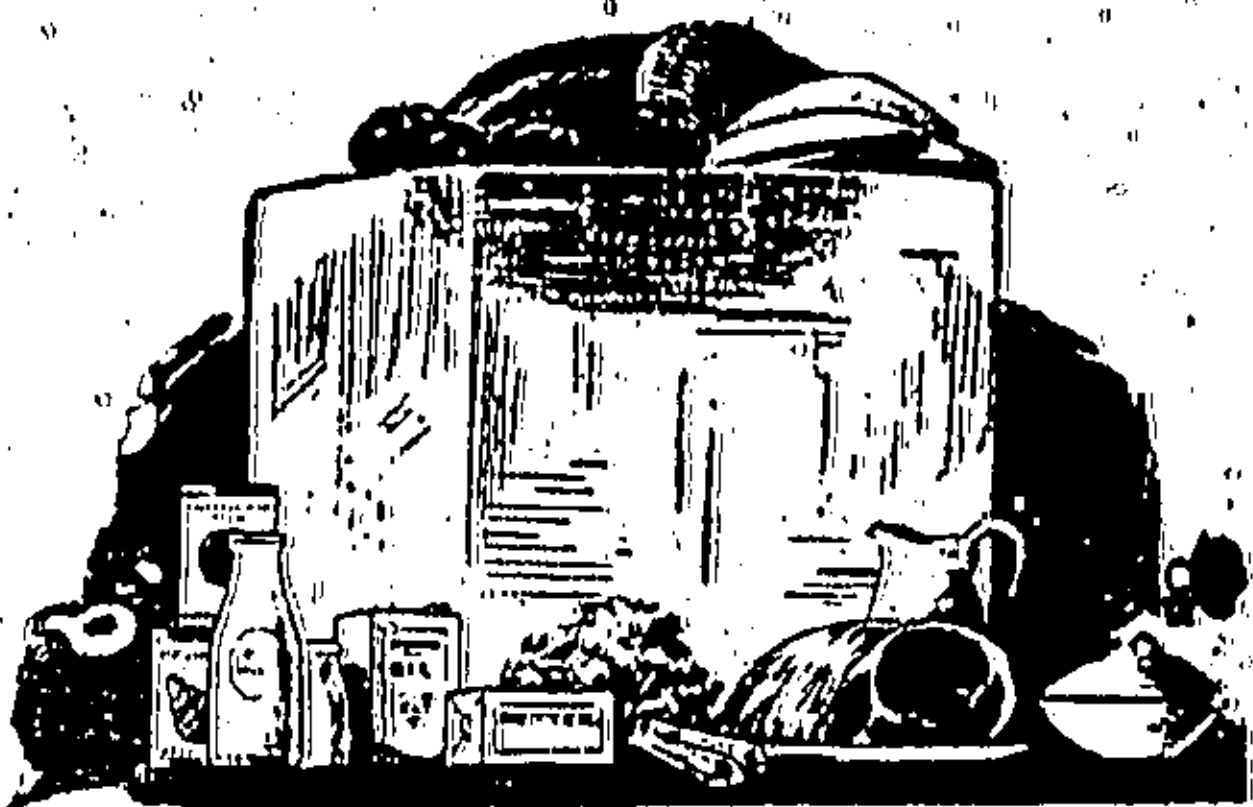
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BIRTHS.

AMES.—On May 2, 1926, at
Warangal Estate, Madul-
kele, Ceylon, to Frances, wife
of A. Eric Ames, a daughter.

CAMERON.—On May 20, at the
French Hospital, Hongkong,
to Mr. and Mrs. J. J.
Cameron, Cement Works,
Kowloon, a son.

CARTER.—On April 30, at the
Fraser Nursing Home,
Colombo, to Mr. and Mrs.
G. C. Carter, a son.

DAVIS.—On May 2, at Haddon
Hill, Colombo, to Mr. and
Mrs. E. T. Davis, a son.

DIXON.—On May 1, at Haddon
Nursing Home, Colombo, to
Freda, wife of A. E. Dixon, a
daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MACKINTOSH—MACMILLAN.
—On April 19, at St.
Andrew's Church, Calcutta,
by the Rev. M. W. McCaul,
Arthur Edwin, only son of
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mackin-
tosh, Lee Brae House, Gala-
shiel, Scotland, (late of
Egypt), to Dorothy Marie,
eldest daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. H. F. Macmillan, War-
wick Road, Ealing, London
(late of Peradeniya, Ceylon).

DEATH.

KIRKLAND.—On April 7, 1926,
at Dennistoun, Glasgow,
Arthur Maitland Kirkland,
late of Messrs. Cargills, Ltd.,
Colombo.

Hongkong, Thursday, May 20, 1926.

COMPANY PROCEDURE.

It may be regarded as a natural
sequel to the position in the
Colony during the past eleven
months that many limited liab-
ility companies should now find
themselves in rather an un-
enviable position. It would have
been rather remarkable had they
all been able to weather the storm.
There is a great deal to be said
in favour of the declaration made
by Mr. Hall Brutton, at yester-
day's meeting of the Hongkong
Development Building and Saving
Company, namely: "We have lost
and we have got to face it, but for
heaven's sake give the Company
a chance." That sentiment could
be applied with equal force to
many other Companies. It is one
with which shareholders are like-
ly to agree whole-heartedly.

It is, however, unfortunate that
an acrid tone crept into yester-
day's meeting. Mr. Arculli was
prepared to go the whole way to
"give the Company a chance." He

invited the Directors to take share-
holders into their confidence. He
pressed for an adjournment of the
meeting and the appointment of a
committee of shareholders to in-
vestigate the affairs and position
of the Company. There was noth-
ing embarrassing to the Direc-
tors or detrimental to the Com-
pany's interests in such a propo-
sal. Until the shareholders
were fully satisfied with the
Directors' report and of their ex-
planations of the administration
of affairs during the fifteen
months under review, how could
they conscientiously adopt such
report? What is more, the share-
holders by tacitly adopting the
report might have closed the door
for ever on any further criticisms
or comments. Unless unfore-
seen developments occurred they
could not very well repeat yester-
day's criticisms on the same
points at the annual meeting
twelve months hence.

Instead, however, of conciliating
the shareholders, Mr. Arculli's
proposal to adjourn the meeting
was ridiculed as "unheard of";
as entirely without precedent; and
as out of order. And yet, in spite
of the Chairman's incorrect ruling
that it was out of order he put it
to the vote! Surely a more amaz-
ing procedure than that which
was so caustically condemned as
something of which the share-
holders of a Company had never
heard anything in all their lives!

The exact points at variance be-
tween certain of the shareholders
and the Chairman and Directors
at yesterday's meeting cannot be
expected to concern us—unless it
can be shown that their subse-
quent discussion is in the public
interest. The wider question of
procedure at Company meetings
stands on a different plane. When
we find a shareholder ridiculed for
proposing a strictly orthodox line
of action, when we find a motion
ruled out of order and then
actually put to the vote, then we
begin to wonder where some
people acquire their knowledge of
the conduct of such meetings.

The place for them is not at a
Company meeting, but at a
Beginners' Debating Club. Share-
holders have their rights. It is
not "politic"—to use a word much
quoted at yesterday's meeting—to
deprive them of every possible op-
portunity of protecting such
rights. It may be true, as Mr.
Hall Brutton suggested, that a
shareholders' committee of en-
quiry would serve no useful pur-
pose. That, however, was no good
reason for both Mr. Kew and the
Chairman (Mr. Ellis) damning
the proposal as extraordinary
unheard of, and out of order.

Shareholders of companies in gen-
eral in the Colony must begin to
wonder where they are and what
are their privileges at annual
meetings!

A Chinese servant girl was ar-
rested at Yau-mat yesterday for
stealing a sum of \$404 from No.
154, Woosung Street. Of this
sum \$235 has been recovered.

The master of a toy shop at
First Street has reported that
during his absence in Canton, an
accountant collected \$500 on be-
half of the shop and absconded
with the money.

2 LAKHS LOSS.

TERRITORIAL ESTATES
MEETING.

HOUSING DEMAND.

Reporting a loss of nearly two
lakhs of dollars on last year's
working, reference was made to-
day to the poor demand for houses
—in some parts of the Colony—
and to the effect the boycott is
having, the speaker being Mr.
R. G. Shewan, the veteran mer-
chant who has done so much for
the Hongkong public.

As chairman of the consulting
committee, Mr. Shewan presided
at the second ordinary annual
meeting of Hongkong and Terri-
torial Estates, Ltd., held at the
company's offices in St. George's
Building. He was supported by
Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. E. M.
Raymond and Mr. J. Scott Harston
(of the consulting committee),
and Mr. A. Braun (secretary).
Shareholders present were
Messrs.—Allan Keith, D. W.
Munton, Jas. Toppin, A. A.
Botelho, L. W. Shewan, H. Dreyer
and L. H. King.

The secretary read the conven-
ing notice and the auditors' re-
port. After the customary open-
ing to the address, Mr. Shewan
said:—

Bad Property Market.

The total loss for 1925 amounts
to \$1,098,226.48, and I can only re-
gret the very unsatisfactory re-
sult of the year's work, owing
greatly to the abnormal conditions
which have prevailed in the
Colony since last June.

For our Chinese dwelling houses
at Kennedy Town, which were
finally completed last July, it was
impossible for us to secure any-
thing like sufficient occupants and
at the end of the year out of 148
flats available only 13 flats were
occupied.

The Yau-mat property has just
about held its own with the pre-
vious year's earnings, but these
are falling off month by month
and are by no means commensu-
rate with the interest on the pur-
chase money, and unless this site
can be properly developed, which
means, of course, further capital,
it must continue to leave a loss
until the real estate market shows
a marked improvement on the pre-
sent position.

I am glad to say that for our
Chinese houses there is now a
slightly better enquiry, and I can
but hope that the demand may
continue to improve. As to that
I am sure that our friends at Can-
ton are feeling the pressure of
the Boycott as much as, if not
more than we, for trade is like
mercy which both blesseth him
that gives and him that takes, and
it is only a question of how long
the trading community of Canton
will put up with this foolish in-
terference of the strikers, which
is destroying their former flourish-
ing business with Hongkong.

"St. George's" Building, I am
glad to say, shows a good improve-
ment and more than covers the
interest on its cost.

Company's Shares.

You will notice that there was
some \$306,000 due from unpaid
calls. We are pressing share-
holders for payment, but have not
yet actually forfeited the shares
as we have the right to do so, as
of course, we do not want to go to
extreme measures with share-
holders if we can avoid it.

In accordance with the resolu-
tions passed at the extraordinary
meeting of the shareholders held
on January 21, 1926, the capital
of the company was increased by
the creation of 50,000 seven per
cent cumulative preference shares
at \$10 each paid up, of which
so far 45,000 shares have been issued.

With the help of this fresh
capital we shall, I trust, be now
able to tide over our troubles till
better days return.

I might explain that we closed
the books on December 31, 1925,
instead of January 15 as last year,
as the latter date was inconven-
ient in regard to payments due at
the end of the year and rents due
at the end of the month.

I now propose that the report
and accounts, as presented be
adopted and passed, and that the
balance of \$199,226.48 at debit
of profit and loss account be car-
ried to new account. When that
has been seconded, I shall be glad
to answer questions from the
shareholders.

Mr. H. Dryer seconded. No
question was put and the motion
was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Other business passed by the
meeting comprised:—
Re-election of the consulting
committee (names as given
above)—proposed by Mr. D. W.
Munton, seconded by Mr. J.
Toppin.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe,
Elmhurst and Matthews and
Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and
Fleming as auditors for the cur-
rent year—proposed by Mr. A.
Keith, seconded by Mr. A. A.
Botelho.

FOR THE WETS.

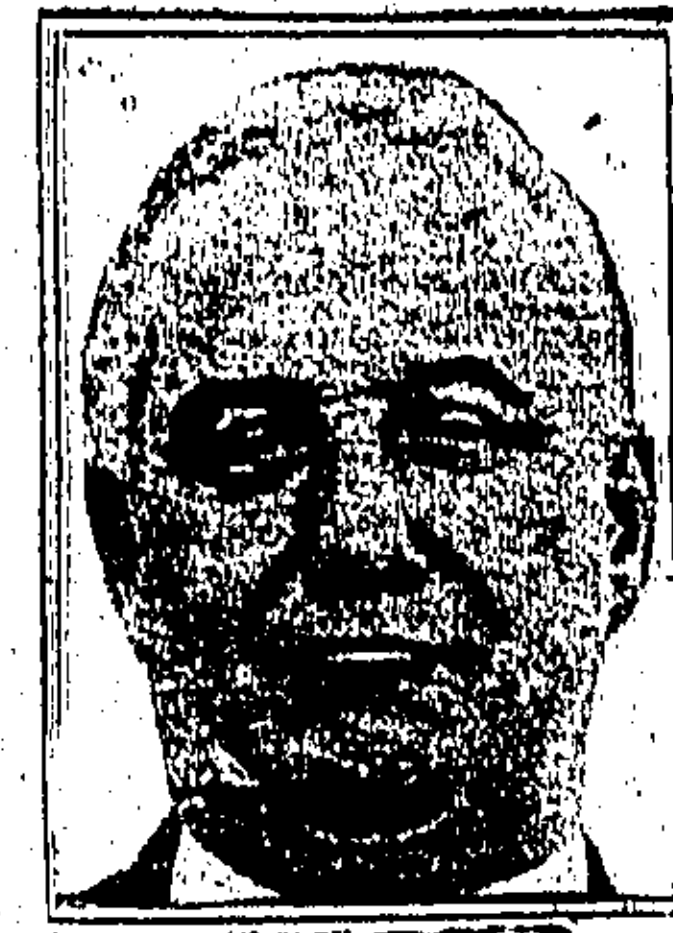
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR
SENATE.

MODIFICATION FAVOURED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Philadelphia, May 19.

The Republican Party of Pennsylv-
ania has nominated Mr. William



MR. WILLIAM WEAVER

Weaver as a candidate for the Senate
on the platform of a modification
of the Volstead Act.

ELECTION SCANDAL?

SENSATIONAL STORY IN
THE SENATE.

ALLEGED CORRUPTION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, May 19.

Senator James A. Reed (Demo-
crat, Missouri) gave currency to a
sensational story of anything be-
tween two million and five million
dollars being spent in the recent
Senatorial primary election in
Pennsylvania when he moved the
Senate to authorize an investigation
of the Senatorial campaign ex-
penses.

Mr. David A. Reed (Republican,
Pennsylvania), in opposing, said he
disbelieved such extraordinary
stories about the corrupt use of
money.

Other Republicans supported
him, but on the roll call there was
laughter when it was found that
Republican Senators up for re-
election generally joined the Demo-
crats and insurgent Republicans in
support of the motion, which was
carried by 59 votes to 13.

RUBBER PRICES.

SINGAPORE LATEST
QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros are in re-
ceipt of advices from their Singa-
pore friends advising them that
Rubber is now quoted at 78½ cents
per lb. The cable also includes the
following quotations.

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Indragiris	11.50
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New Serendahs	5.20
Pajams	15.10
Punggoras	1.40
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Teluk Ansons	15.50
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Utah Simpans	5.00

AIRMAN KILLED.

SAD FATE OF AN AMERICAN
PIONEER.

DEATH IN MAIL AEROPLANE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Summit (Illinois), May 19.

The airman, Ross Kirkpatrick,
who participated in the pioneer
flight from New York to Alaska in
1920, was killed yesterday as the
result of a forced landing in a
mail aeroplane during a storm.

FORWARD!

MUSSOLINI AND THE BLACK
SHIRTS.

"A GLORIOUS REVOLUTION."

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, May 19.

On the occasion of the adoption
of the labour law prohibiting
strikes, Signor Mussolini made
a statement to the Fascists de-
claring that for the first time in
the history of the world a con-
structive revolution had been ac-
complished peacefully and for the
first time a powerful system of
fifteen great associations had been
created, all on an equal footing
and all recognised and guaranteed
in their legitimate interests by
the State.

The Fascists were certain, he
continued, that the new system
inaugurated that day would with-
stand the test of experience and
that the nation would be fortified.
The Fascist spirit and discipline
would become a solid and indivi-
sible unit of political, economic,
and moral energy. He conclud-
ed:—"Black Shirts, forward! Show
by your goodwill and loyalty
that ours is one of the most
glorious revolutions."

RUSSIAN MISHAPS.

FIFTEEN MEN ELECTROCUTED
NEAR MOSCOW.

FATAL AIRSHIP CRASH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, May 19.

Three mishaps, attended by
fatalities are reported.

Fifteen men were electrocuted
owing to a piece of machinery in
works near Moscow fouling the
overhead high-tension cable.

Nineteen persons were drowned
through the sinking of a ferry boat
on the River Sukla, near Petrovsk.

Two passengers, one of whom
was on the staff of the newspaper
Pravda, were killed and a mechanic
seriously injured owing to the
crashing of an airship on the Mos-
cow-Tiflis line near Kharkov.

CORRESPONDENCE.

REFULSE BAY PIER?

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I agree with your corres-
pondent of yesterday that a pier at
Repulse Bay such as he suggested
with facilities for bathing would
be a decided attraction. I gather-
ed from his remarks, however, that
he was under the impression that
the one which was destroyed in
1922 was erected by the Govern-
ment.

The erection of the pier was, as
a matter of fact, due to the enter-
prise of the Hongkong Hotels Com-
pany and it is to them therefore
that your correspondent's remarks
should be directed although, of
course, the Government might in-
terest itself in such a scheme if
the Hotels Company did not see its
way clear to expend the money.

With the question of Repulse
Bay beach still more or less in a
state of flux, it is doubtful, however,
if the present is an opportune time
to press for such expenditure.
However, it is a concrete suggestion
and "Bather" will find many in
sympathy with him.

A SYMPATHISER.

Hongkong, May 19.

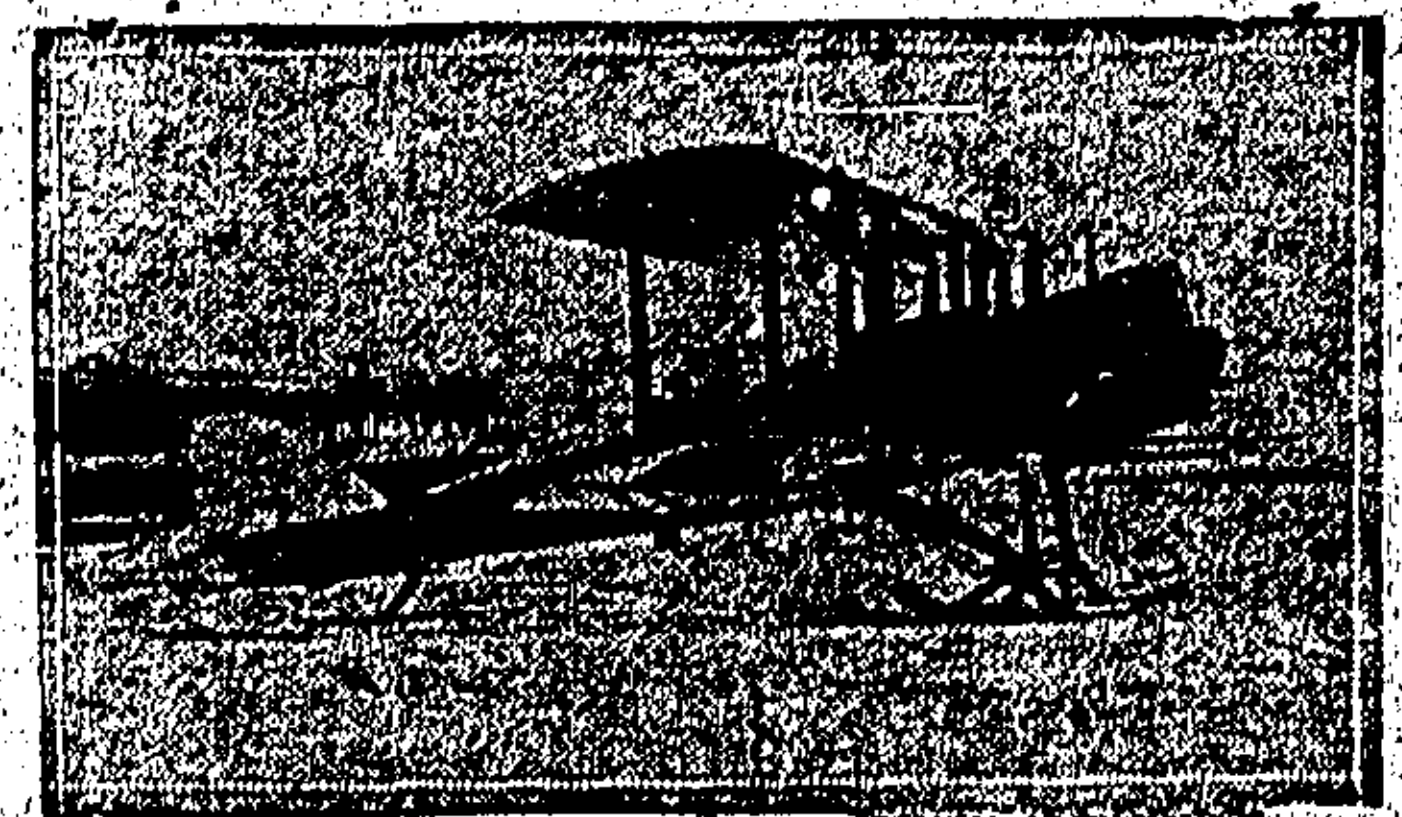


Photo of a mail aeroplane in which the American airman
Ross Kirkpatrick, was killed on Tuesday as the result of a
forced landing during a storm.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1926.

TO THE LAST ROCK.

ABD-EL-KRIM'S LAST STAND.

FRANCO-SPANISH MOVES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 19.

Like a wild boar defending its mountain home to the last rock is the description applied by Reuter's Paris correspondent to Abd-el-Krim's position in face of the joint Franco-Spanish offensive now launched in Morocco.

Whereas the pressure last year was practically entirely from the South to the North and during the Rif offensive from the North to the South the Franco-Spanish forces are now active on four sides of a huge parallelogram, two of the longer sides of which are represented by the Mediterranean Coast and the French frontier, and the two shorter sides from the North to the South by lines drawn from Tetuan to Larache and from Melilla southward along the Wedkert.



Abd-el-Krim.

The interior of the parallelogram is traversed by wild mountain gorges and ranges, from which last year Abd-el-Krim sent down his harkas to harry the attacking forces.

The Objective Now.

The first Franco-Spanish movements are directed to closing the eastern exits from the parallelogram. Their troops are now advancing with a view to effecting a permanent junction which will separate the two blocks of tribesmen.

The Spaniards in the Ajdir sector have occupied Tamasint, Abd-el-Krim's winter residence, and Targuist, his recent headquarters.

Details of Advances.

Fez, May 19.

The Franco-Spanish attack on the Riffs on the eastern flank has resulted in an advance of ten kilometres on a front of 30 kilometres.

The French have occupied the heights 40 miles east of the Rif stronghold at Targuist.

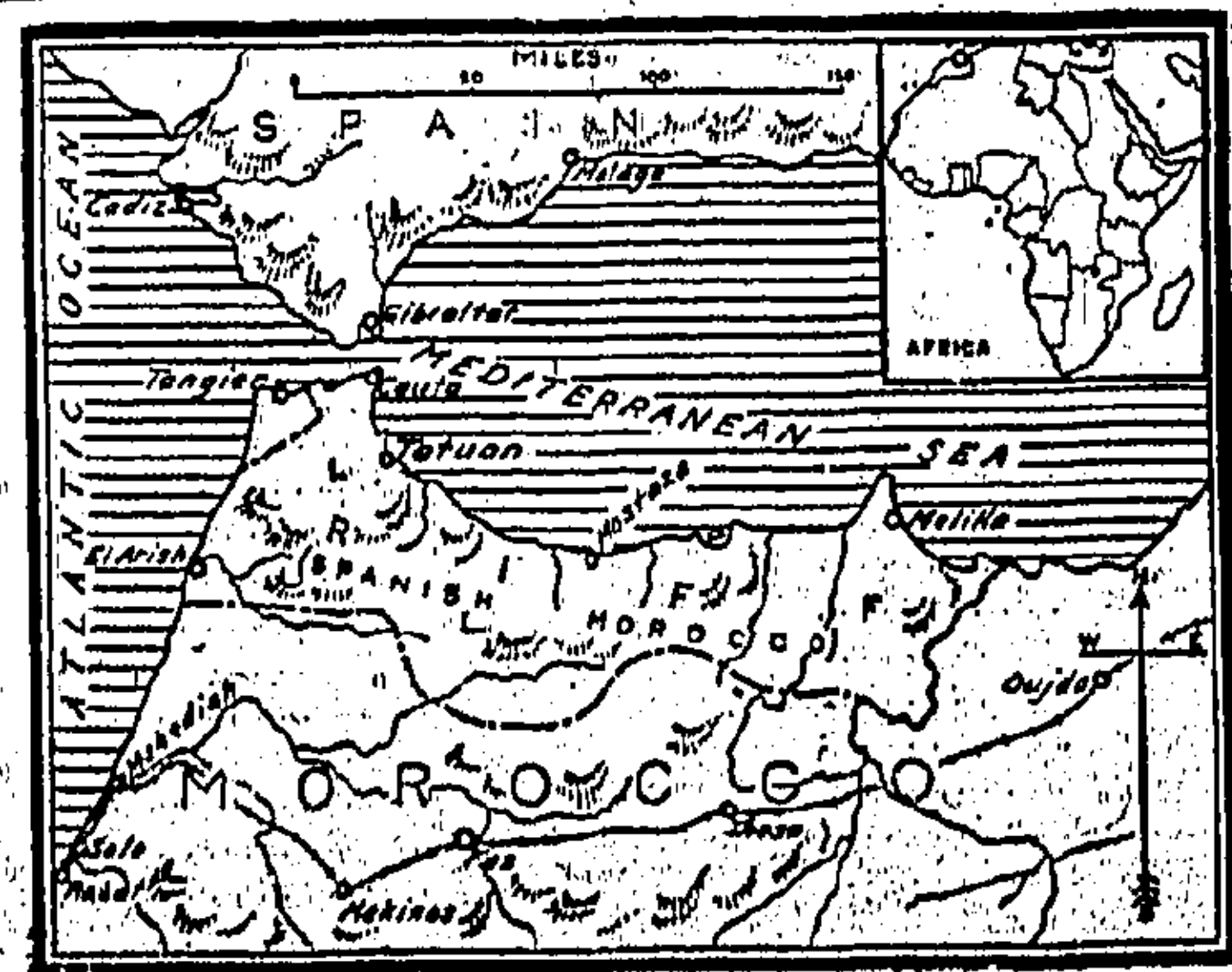
The Franco-Spanish troops now command the valley of Nkor, up which the Spaniards are advancing from Ajdir. The junction of the two forces is expected shortly. This will lead to the submission of the tribes east of Ajdir and enable the Franco-Spanish east front to be straightened out till it follows a direct line from Ajdir to Taza, thus blocking Abd-el-Krim in the mountains.

French Report.

(Havas Agency.)

Fez, May 19.

A large offensive has started in the eastern sector. The French are progressing favourably everywhere.



Scene of the Franco-Spanish offensive against Abd-el-Krim.

MOSLEM CHIEF.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THE KHALIFAT.

DEFENCE OF ISLAM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, May 19.

The Khalifat Congress discussed the report of the Committee on the definition and necessity for the Khalifat.

The report defined the Khalifat as the office of the spiritual and temporal chief of the Moslems, and declared that the Khalifat must embody spiritual and temporal powers, both of which went together. The Khalifat must be paramount, free, and capable of defending Islam and applying the precepts of the Koran, etc.

The Khalifat must always exist, but Islam must have only one Khalif, who could be appointed by his predecessor. That is, he could succeed as heir to the Khalifat. He could also be nominated by high representatives of Islam, such as princes, ulamas, and other notables.

Finally, the Khalif could, without fulfilling other conditions, reach the supreme office by conquest and victory, always provided that he was a Moslem.

REBELS IN WRONG.

REMOVAL OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

AMERICAN PROTEST.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Managua, May 19.

The American Collector-General of Customs has protested to the State Department against the removal by the revolutionaries of the American Collector of Customs and his deputy at Bluefields because he refused to hand over the collections.

The seizure of the Customs Houses on the Atlantic Coast is a violation of the financial plan of the Government of which the State Department in Washington approved, and a violation of contracts between Nicaragua and the Bondholders of the 1909 London Loan.

GERMAN POLICY.

DECLARATION BY THE NEW CHANCELLOR.

THE RUSSIAN TREATY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, May 19.

In the Reichstag Dr. Marx, Chancellor, declared that the Government's foreign policy was unchanged. He emphasised that the Russo-German Treaty was merely a link in the chain of Treaties in the interest of the pacification and consolidation of Europe.

The Reichstag, by a large majority, adopted a resolution approving of the declaration of the Government, only the Communists and Extremists opposing it, whilst the German National Party abstained.

The Reichstag was adjourned to June 7.

CAIRO PLOT.

EGYPTIAN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, May 19.

The conspiracy trial has closed and the Court announces that the papers in connection with Mohamed Fahmy Ali will be sent to the Mufti which indicates that he alone will be sentenced to death. Judgment as regards the other accused will be announced on the 25th inst.

FALLING FRANC.

ARE FOREIGN SPECULATIONS RESPONSIBLE?

APPEAL TO CREDITORS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 19.

Mr. Peret has informed Pressmen that he visited M. Doumergue and conferred with M. Briand and the Governor and Directors of the Bank of France. They had agreed to certain measures to restore the franc as soon as possible, but the measures, to be effective, must be kept secret.

His conversations with Mr. Winston Churchill were only adjourned. They are seeking a compromise and he will return to London very shortly.

SATISFIED.

M. Peret and His London Visit.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, May 19.

Before leaving London to-day on his return to Paris M. Raoul Peret, the French Finance Minister, expressed his satisfaction with the result of his visit to London in connection with the French Debt. He declared that he and Mr. Winston Churchill had been working steadily toward a merging of their respective viewpoints.

EARLIER CABLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 19.

The spectacular fall in the franc is the chief topic. The "Petit Parisien," referring to the Churchill-Peret conversations, asks how can it be hoped to conclude a permanent agreement in the face of the disastrous fall in the franc? The paper adds operations on the Paris Bourse cannot account for the slump, and concludes that foreign speculations must be responsible.

The "Echo de Paris" says M. Briand has consulted financial experts, who have urged the necessity of a truce between the parties with a view to restoring confidence. The "Echo de Paris" is of the opinion that not a minute is to be lost in taking effective measures.

Paris, later.

The "Figaro" reproaches the previous Government for neglecting the country's finances, and declares to believe that the position is desperate.

"L'Avenir" complains of the Government's weakness in yielding to the demands of voracious foreigners, who from Washington and London swoop down on the French pockets like birds of prey.

"Le Gaulois" alleges that British and American speculators are deliberately responsible for a campaign to force down the franc. "L'Ere Nouvelle" says that it is in the interest of France's creditors to help the franc, but only as an act of friendship. France will never submit to a financial protectorate. "We cannot let the foreigner occupy the Banque de France."

London, May 19.

M. Raoul Peret has left for Paris. In a conversation with Reuter he said, he was satisfied with the result of his conversations with Mr. Churchill. "We have arrived at nothing definite yet, but it is better perhaps to go slowly where each party has to make concessions."

SHANGHAI TRIAL.

YOUNG EUROPEAN SENT TO PRISON.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, May 19.

The trial was concluded here to-day, of Mr. F. H. Johnston, who was arrested in Hongkong on May 9, and brought to Shanghai to face a charge of fraud.

Accused was found guilty, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The accused, who is 21 years old, belongs to a well-known family. He installed himself in offices as the Johnston Trading Company and bought Tia 3,000 worth of socks from a local Chinese factory, which he mortgaged with another Chinese for \$1,500, afterwards absconding without paying for the consignment.

He was tried by Judge Grain and a Jury.

SYRIAN REVOLT.

DRUSE VILLAGES SUBMIT TO FRENCH.

(Havas Agency.)

Beirut, May 19.

It is reported that 26 villages occupied by Djebel Druses have made submission.

INDIANS IN AFRICA.

CONFERENCE TO SEEK A SOLUTION.

DATE NOT YET FIXED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, May 19.

Lord Birkenhead announced in the House of Lords that a conference had been arranged between representatives of the Government of the Union of South Africa and of the Government of India with a view to an amicable solution of the problems connected with the residence of persons of Indian descent in the territories of the Union of South Africa.



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The time and place of the conference was at present the subjects of discussion between himself and the Viceroy of India.

Lord Birkenhead added that it would be premature to say that the holding of the conference carried with it the certainty of an agreed or compromised conclusion. When a controversy such as this between two constituent elements of the Empire had reached an acute stage, it was not for His Majesty's Government to suggest and still less, to dictate a solution. The Government of South Africa had made sacrifices in consenting to the conference, and the Government of India was indebted for the consideration and patience, which the Government of South Africa had shown in a matter which deeply concerned many elements of its population.

ENGLISH SPIES.

GOOD FAITH OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

IGNORANT OF ESPIONAGE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, May 19.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that Lord Crewe, the British Ambassador in Paris, had informed him of the sentences passed upon three English subjects for alleged espionage. He then read the despatch issued by Lord Crewe last December, when the men were arrested, declaring that no department of the British Government had any connection with or knowledge of the activities of the British wireless firm in whose service the men were.

Sir A. Chamberlain added that he had not seen a report of the trial, but he had no reason to suppose that the judgment of the tribunal indicated any doubt of the truth of the statement made on behalf of the British Government.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 20—Queen's Theatre: "The Ten Commandments."

May 20—Star Theatre: "Reckless Romance."

May 20—World Theatre: "Chip of the Flying U."

May 22—Whitsuntide Eve, Empire Celebration at Repulse Bay Hotel.

June 5—Dance display by Miss V. Capell's pupils at City Hall, 9 p.m.

June 9—The pupils of Miss Violet Capell will dance at the City Hall, at 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

May 22-24—Royal Hongkong Golf Club holiday matches at Fanling.

May 24—Panling Hunt Steeple-chase, 5 p.m. 1st race.

May 29—Opening Baseball match of this season between South China (champions) and Japanese Baseball Club.

June 5—Third Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, at the Race Course, Happy Valley.

Company Meetings.

May 22—Meeting of creditors of the Oriental Navigation Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

May 23—Fifty-third Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd in Union Building, 11 a.m.

May 23—Sixtieth Meeting of British Trader's Insurance Co., in Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

May 23—Fifty-seventh Meeting of China Fire Insurance Co., in Union Building, 11.20 a.m.

May 28—Annual meeting of the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

May 29—Yearly meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., in Roof Garden of Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 21—Meeting of members of the Hongkong Jockey Club, in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, 5 p.m.

May 23—Opening ceremonies in connection with Chinese Catholic Young Men's Society, 16 Caine Road, 2 p.m.

May 21—Adjourned general meeting of Marine Engineer's Guild of China, at Sailors' Home, West Point, 5 p.m.

May 25—Extraordinary meeting of members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, in the Club House.

June 3—King's Birthday parade at Happy Valley.

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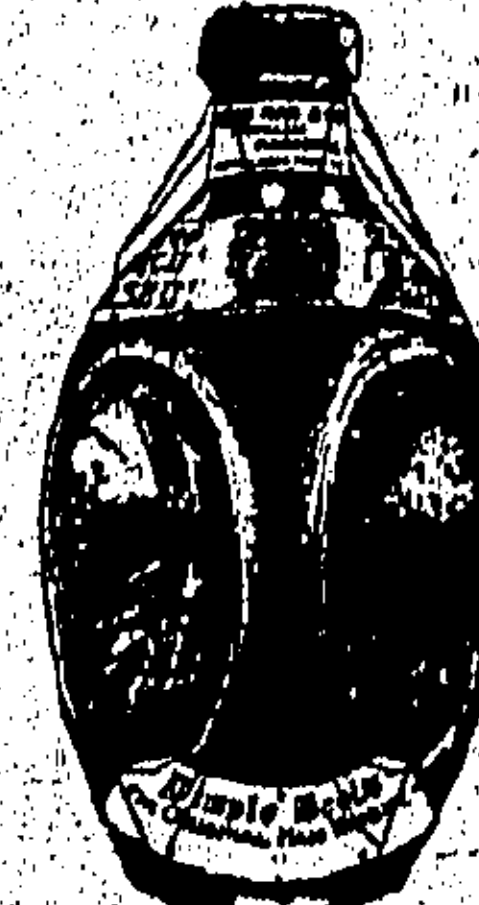
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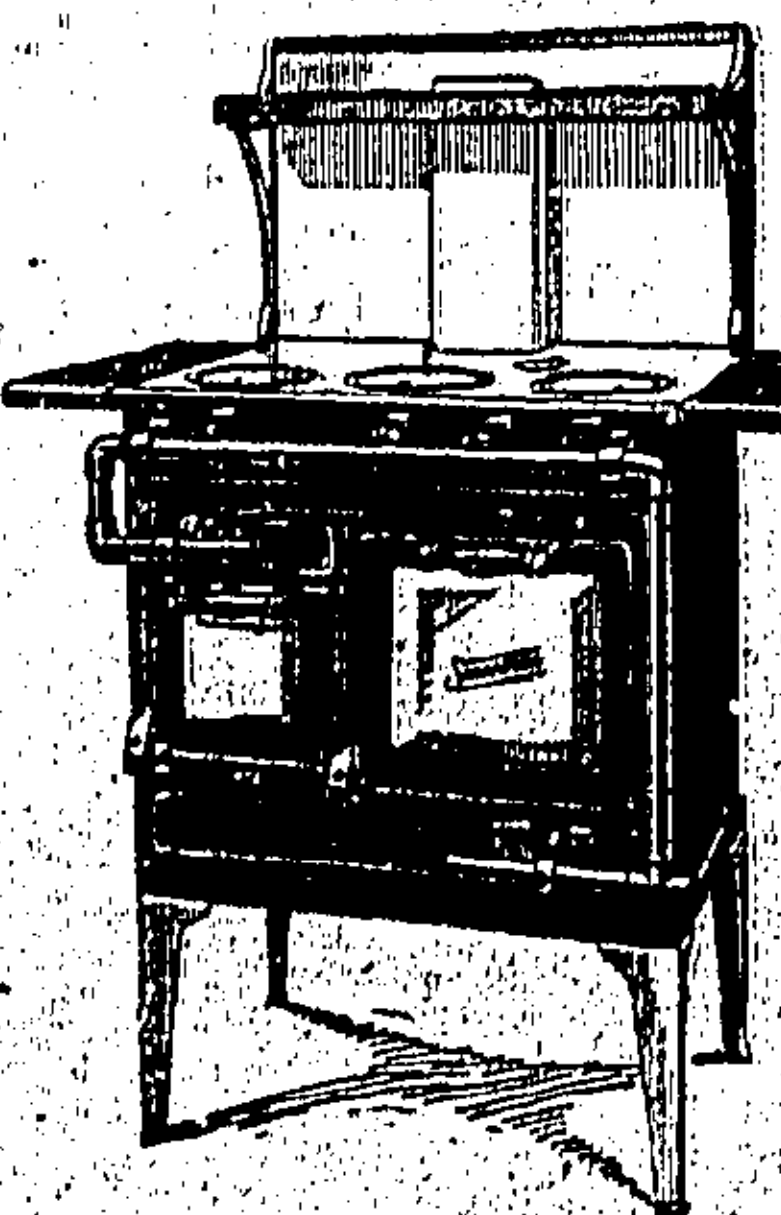
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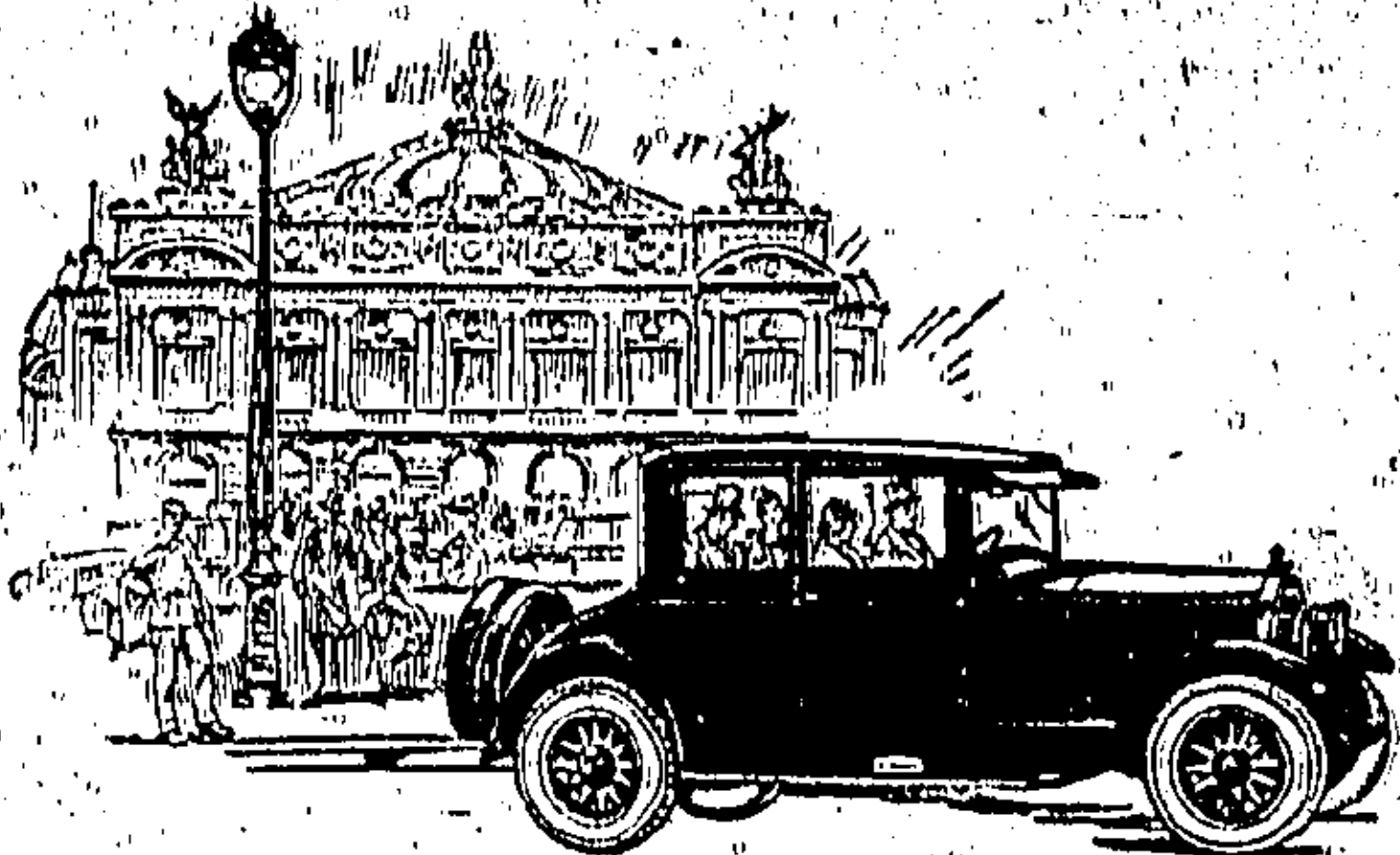
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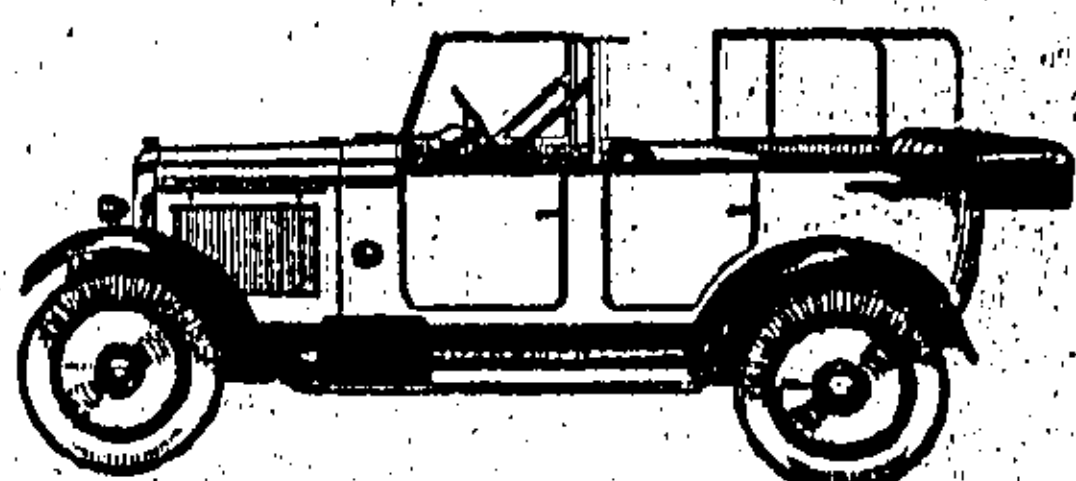
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An adjourned general meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China, will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Prosecutions against a European and several Chinese were instituted at the Central Magistracy yesterday for disregarding the muzzling law. Fines of \$5 were imposed in each case.

The Shanghai Horticultural Society announces that a Rose Show (which will also include a display of stocks, pansies and tulips) is definitely to be held in the grounds of H. M. Consulate-General.

"The Romantic Monk" and "The Silly Dame" were some of the titles of objectionable Chinese booklets, the sellers of which were prosecuted at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Two fines of \$50 and one of \$25 were imposed.

Charges of obtaining money by false pretences and demanding money from a pork seller were preferred at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday against two Chinese interpreters of the Sanitary Department. The case was adjourned, bail being fixed at \$250 each.

The "Philippines Herald" says that Governor Juan Navarro of Mindoro has been suspended from office by the governor general for a period of one month. Governor Navarro was accused of mistreating a prisoner. President Jose Basa of Nanjan, Mindoro, was also suspended for the same period by the governor general.

Large reinforcements have left Java recently for Acheh, Dutch East Indies, and according to the reports the rebels' movement is spreading in this district. Letters from the late Captain Paris to his friends have recently found their way into the Press and gave a very unfavourable impression of the way in which some native troops conducted themselves during the recent attacks. They are stated to have fled at the first alarm leaving their arms behind them and the general moral of the troops engaged in the first skirmish seems to have been anything but good.

The Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited, declared a dividend at the rate of 2s. 6d. per share free of Income Tax, payable on July 5. Bearer Coupon to be presented No. 47.

A Chinese passenger by the s.s. "Taiping" was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with unlawful possession of a Mauser pistol and 480 rounds of ammunition. Accused pleaded ignorance of the laws of the Colony and was fined \$1,000.

An interpreter at the Central Magistracy was admonished by the Magistrate yesterday for speaking with the complainant and a witness before the hearing of the case, which concerned one of theft in which it was alleged that the accused took \$5 from the complainant's pocket. Accused, who was an old offender, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and two years' police supervision.

Tokyo, March 5.—Half a million oysters, planted in Eiga Bay, on the Ise Peninsula, to produce cultured pearls, have died within the past week, to the great loss of the cultured pearl industry. Experts of the Imperial Fishery Bureau, who have been summoned to the oyster beds, state that the oysters have taken cold.

The Mission Book Company, located in North Szechuen Road, a joint enterprise controlled by the Methodist and Presbyterian missions in Shanghai, have announced the withdrawal of the Methodists from the concern. The stock of books, on subjects of religious and general interests, belonging to the Methodist mission formerly in the book store are now being sold in the Missions Building, 23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai, Room 620.

Philatelists, take notice! A new stamp made its appearance on May 12, bearing the picture of Captain Gallarza's plane. About P9,000 worth in all denominations are being rushed by the bureau of printing, and when this issue is all gone, the government press will work overtime to turn out some more. Jose Topacio, director of the Bureau of Posts, decided to commemorate the Spanish aviators' flight in Manila by issuing memorial stamps.

After sitting for 23½ hours the House rose at 4.5 p.m. on April 8 for the Easter recess.

Dallas, Texas, May 9.—Thirty persons were injured and property damage of more than \$1,000,000 was caused by a terrific hailstorm which bombarded Dallas and its vicinity with hailstones larger than baseballs last night.

With an amount believed to approximate P100,000 in counterfeit money, one Chinese and one Filipino were arrested in Caloccan, Manila. Plates and other paraphernalia for counterfeiting were seized. The two men were held for high bail, understood to be P10,000 each.

Following a newspaper campaign against the "fatal" attractions of dancing halls, the Ministry of Public Instruction has forbidden Turkish young men and girls to enter them until they have completed their secondary education. This means that all under 18 will be excluded.

Tokyo, May 8.—The emigration bureau of the Foreign Office announced that six families would be sent to Borneo to engage in palm growing on a plot of land which has been leased for that purpose. All expenses of the colony will be borne by the Japanese government as part of a plan to find a new outlet for Japan's growing population. It is aimed to determine whether Japanese can successfully colonise in the Dutch East Indies and the south sea islands generally. Similar test colonies will be sent to Brazil this year in addition to the 4,000 emigrants who will be permitted to embark for that country.

Two of the oldest saloons in England are shortly to pass out of existence. The "Two Brewers" saloon at Perry Hill, Catford, near London, which was in operation before Columbus discovered America and which has been dispensing drinks ever since is shortly to be demolished to make way for a modern hotel. Here, Dick Turpin, the famous highwayman who was hanged at York in 1739, used frequently to stop in for a drink, to the consternation of the "bar-flies." "Ye Olde Whittington," near Kinver, Staffordshire, which dates from early in the sixteenth century and where King Charles stayed in his flight from Worcester, is shortly to go under the auctioneer's hammer.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Capt. C. Moir, F.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Surgeon, Perak North, retired from the service, and left Singapore for home on the "Macedonia."

The opening ceremonies in connection with the Chinese Catholic Young Men's Society are to take place at 16, Caine Road on Sunday next at 2 p.m.

His Holiness Swami Permananda, with two monks and two American ladies (his disciples), arrived in Singapore on the 12th inst. from India on their way to America.

Mr. Robert E. Streeter, American Vice-Consul from Canton, accompanied by Mrs. Streeter, is in Shanghai for a few days prior to departure for Tientsin where he has recently been transferred.

Father Louis La Ravoire, Morrow, secretary of the apostolic delegation, has departed for the United States via China and Japan to attend the Eucharist congress that is to be held at Chicago the latter part of June.

The death occurred suddenly at the Hotel Van Wijk, Singapore, during the night of the 8th inst. of Mr. Hector Simpson, who was resident at the hotel. The deceased was found dead in his room the following morning.

Straits papers announce the death, which took place in the Penang General Hospital on the 8th inst., of Mr. W. P. Lester, manager of Hiram Tin, Ltd., Perak. He died as the result of a bullet wound in the head.

Mr. W. Arthur Wilson, assistant editor of the "Malay Mail," leaves Singapore for home on the 27th inst. on six months' furlough, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Wilson was formerly on the staff of the "S.C.M.P."

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, the well known local solicitor, accompanied by Mrs. Russ and their two children, left Hongkong for home this week by the "Lloyd Trieste" vessel, "Plume L." In Mr. Russ's absence, Mr. A. Hall is to look after his interests.

Sir Rabindranath Tagore's serious illness is causing great anxiety. He recently foretold his approaching end in the words, "I am nearing the end of my journey and my feet are weary."

Mr. John Fitzpatrick, of Eckett Street, Bermondsey, has just celebrated his 100th birthday. He has lived in Bermondsey all his life. His chief pastime is walking, and he attributes his long life to hard work.

Guests of honour at a Garden Reception given by the Young Women's Christian Association, Shanghai, on Monday last, were the members of the British-Chinese Indemnity Delegation and a display of Chinese products collected by the students of China for exhibit at Geneva were an attractive feature of the party.

Peking, May 6.—In recognition of the meritorious services rendered in maintaining peace and order, Ex-President Tsao, Kun has bestowed to General Wang Hwai-ching a wooden scroll, on which are inscribed four characters meaning "The pillar-stone of the Capital," from the ex-President's own hands. In company with an interpreter the Panchen Lama called on and had an interview with General Wang Hwai-ching yesterday, during which he presented a Long-life Buddha and a piece of silk to the latter, who was requested to detail a squad of guards to protect the visitor in the Yingtai palace—"Kuo Wen."

The annual meeting of the Christian Publishers' Association of China took place on May 11 at the Christian Literature Society, 143 North Szechuen Road, Shanghai. Various reports were presented, and the following officers were elected for 1926-27: Chairman, Mr. E. S. Nish, B.A.; Vice-Chairman, Rev. J. Darroch, Litt. D.; secretary, Rev. A. J. Garner (till the return of Mr. J. Whitford Doyce); treasurer, Mr. H. U. Brimer; members of executive committee, Miss Pyle, Mr. P. W. Cheng, and Dr. J. T. Williams. In addition to the above, Editors of "The Bookman," Dr. J. Darroch, Rev. Chen Chin-yung, business manager, Mr. J. Whitford Doyce (on his return to China).

Mr. C. G. Brown, consulting engineer of Shanghai, is now in Amoy working with some Chinese in establishing a new electric plant in the international settlement at Kulangsu.

Among the arrivals of members of the Kuomintang Executive Committee for the Canton meeting in May is Mr. Eugene Chen, late editor of the "Peking Min Pao." Mr. Chen is being again requested to direct the editorial policy of the "Canton Gazette."

The post of Flag-Lieutenant to Vice-Admiral Sir Rudolf Bentinck, Commanding the Reserve Fleet, on board the "Centurion," at Portsmouth, has been given to Lieut. Lord Louis Mountbatten, younger son of the late Marquess of Milford Haven. He was A. D. C. to the Prince of Wales during the tour in India and Japan.

Tokyo, May 7.—Commenting on Mr. Seibrikov's visit to Japan the "Hochi" and other vernacular papers express the opinion that the Soviet official intends sounding the Japanese Government's attitude on the question of the railways in North Manchuria. The papers accordingly attach great importance to the coming visit.

The German A.D.C. at Shanghai are preparing for their seventh production, a comedy in three acts by Oskar Blumenthal and Gustav Kadelburg entitled "Im weissen Roessel." Being the last play of the season, Mr. C. F. Klun (the producer), is working exceptionally hard to make this a gala performance and there will be some surprises in the way of singing and dancing which Mr. Klun has cleverly worked into the play.

The wedding of Dr. Burn of Tongshan and Maud Wilson took place at All Saints on April 24. The Rev. C. W. Scott officiating. The bridesmaids were Miss D. Wilson, a colleague of the bride at the Victoria Hospital, and two little girls, P. Travers-Smith and Lois Davis. The bride, who wore crepe de chine and georgette skirt, was given away by Sir John Walsham. Mr. Fryer being best man. The married couple afterwards left for Weihaiwei.

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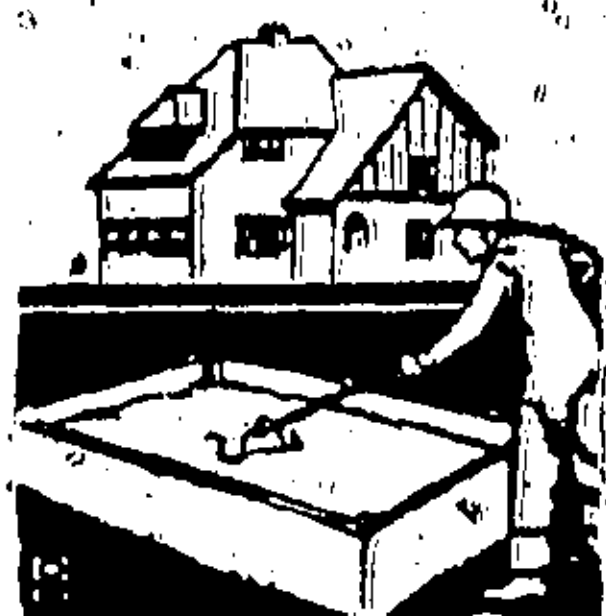
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People and Events in the News of the World



Miss Mary E. Cooke, of New York, who took along a movie camera when she left for a trip to the West Indies on the C.P.S. "Montroyal."



H.R.H. the Duke of York opened the great new sports ground for the civil service at Chiswick, England. H.M. the King is shown here shaking hands with one of the lady captains of the teams.



Miss Jane Addams, the noted writer and head of Hull House, Chicago, where a great deal of philanthropic work is done, shown here leaving for a cruise of the West Indies.



PAUL WHITEMAN

Paul Whiteman, the jazz band leader, in Miami, was sued for \$10,000 by the mother of his first wife to cover the funeral expenses for a child born after the Whitemans had separated in 1909.



MRS. HARRY ANDERSON

Mrs. Harry Anderson caused the arrest of two men who, she claims, tried to break into her house and kidnap her while her husband slept.



C. E. ROSENDAHL

Lieutenant-Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, one of the survivors of the Shenandoah disaster, has been given charge of the Shenandoah's sister ship, the Los Angeles.



MARY LEWIS

A parade, presentation of a key to the city and a reception, were all accorded pretty Mary Lewis when she went back to Little Rock, Arkansas, after scoring a success with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.



REV. JAMES EMPRINGHAM

Rev. James Empringham, Episcopal clergyman of New York, who recently resigned leadership of the Church Temperance Society, declaring prohibition is a failure, told of making a personal investigation of the liquor problem in many cities, operating under a disguise concealing his identity.



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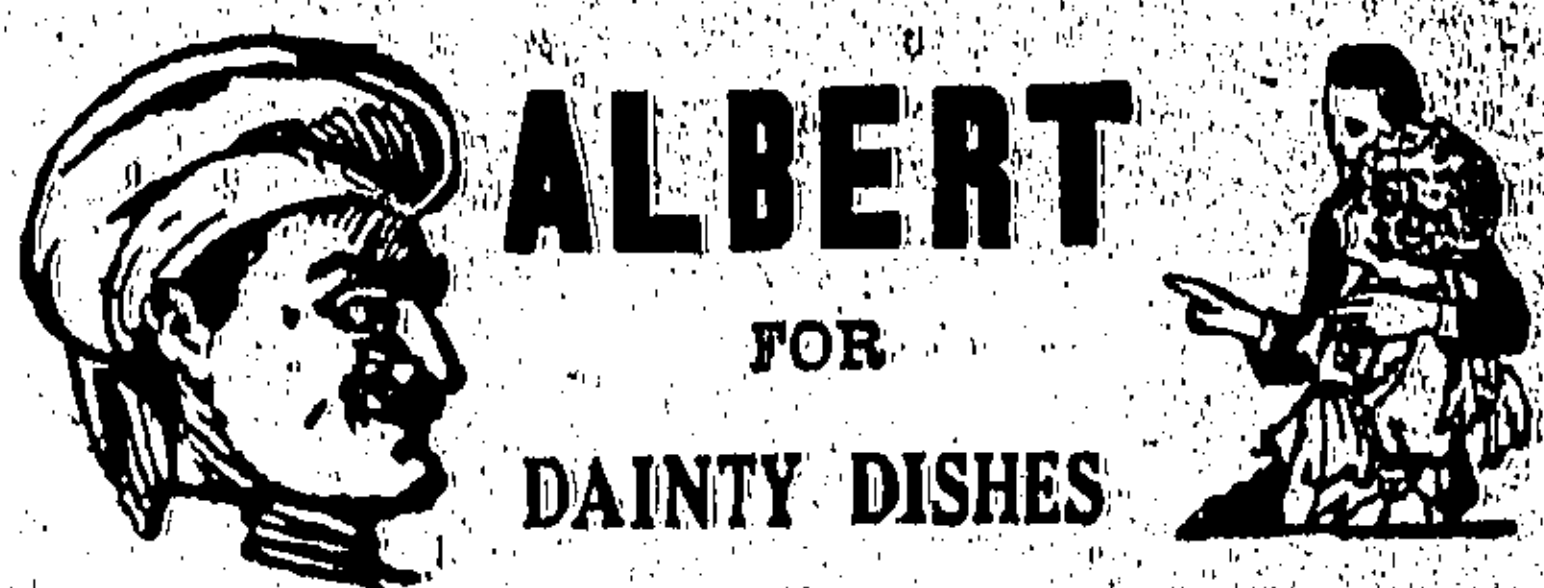
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DISAPPEARING ISLANDS.

THE WALFISH BAY MYSTERY.

The German Survey Ship "Meteor" arrived in Table Bay recently, after a voyage of eleven weeks in the Southern Atlantic Ocean. Her commander, Captain Spies, reported that Thompson Island, which is marked in British atlases as 80 miles to the north-east of Bouvet Island, could not be found. Many days were spent cruising in the neighbourhood, and the German scientists are satisfied that they have proved the disappearance or the non-existence of the island.

Most of the islands of the South Atlantic are of volcanic origin, and there is a possibility of submarine volcanic activity being the cause of the disappearance of Thompson Island. Islands that have appeared and disappeared due to this reason are not unknown. On the coast at Walfish Bay such a phenomenon was observed in recent years.

A Mad Island.

On June 1, 1900, wrote the late Mr. Frank W. Waldron in the South African "Philosophical Society" magazine, Miss Cleverley, the daughter of the Resident Magistrate of Walfish Bay territory, whilst scanning the horizon with a field-glass from the settlement at the head of the bay saw a dark object resembling the hull of a vessel lying inside the bay, just off Pelican Point, a distance of six and a half miles from the settlement. To ascertain what this object was, steam was immediately got up in the launch, and Mr. Cleverley, with a small party, proceeded to the spot. As Pelican Point was nearer it was found that a mud island had appeared on the inner side at about 100 yards from the shore.

Careful soundings taken close to, and around the island gave depths of seven to eight fathoms. The dimensions were approximately 150 ft. long, 80 ft. wide, and the height 15 ft. above the surface of the sea; the sides under water appeared to be nearly vertical, but above water pieces had been washed off by the sea, giving a jagged appearance. Whilst we were there several large pieces fell off into the sea.

A very strong odour of sulphuretted hydrogen pervaded the spot, and steam appeared to issue from the northern end of the mass. I was afterwards told that the smell from the island was noticed at Swakopmund, a distance of 25 miles from Walfish Bay. The next day (June 2), we visited the island to make a more minute examination. Soundings were taken again with similar results. Lieutenant Gutsche, of the Cape Garrison Artillery, swam off from a boat, it not being possible to land otherwise, and procured a specimen of the mud.

Dead Fish.

Since the previous day a large quantity of the material had fallen off into the sea. Steam was still seen issuing from the same spot. We had no means of making temperature observations of the mass or of the water, but Lieutenant Gutsche said he felt no heat on the island, and the water was very cold.

The water around the island was dirty, and the surface covered with bubbles. A few dead fish were found upon Pelican Point.

On the 4th of June, another visit was made. The size of the island above water appeared somewhat diminished and levelled down to not more than half the height observed on the 1st, but under water was about the same. The soundings had not altered, nor had the smell disappeared.

No further visits were made until the 7th of June, when it was found that the island had entirely disappeared. Careful soundings were again taken over the spot. The bottom had assumed its original depth, and no sign of the island was to be found. The water was dirty and covered with bubbles on the surface as before, and the smell of sulphuretted hydrogen was still perceptible in the air.

Nothing happened on the coast about the time of the upheaval of the island to indicate that anything unusual was taking place. A fairly high tide occurred a night or two previous to the appearance of the island, and a report came from Swakopmund that a very heavy sea had swept away 30 metres of a break-water in course of construction there by the German Government; but as similar heavy seas are frequent at this time of the year on this coast, so exposed to the full force of the South Atlantic, no great importance can be attached to the occurrence.

From the first appearance of the island on the 1st of June, a constant lookout was kept, but there was no re-appearance of it up to the time of my departure from Walfish Bay on the 10th of July.

Cable Broken.

As a probable cause of the presence of gases in the mud of Walfish Bay, large quantities of animal matter must, from time to

WHAT AMERICA SHOWS.

THE RISING TIDE OF CRIME.

Though it has been said that you cannot indict a nation, that is what Mr. Laurence Veiller proposes to do in a series of articles, the first of which appears in "The World's Work," published in New York. "records" the "Daily Chronicle."

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"During the same year Chicago, with a population of less than three millions, counted 389 homicides, and New York 262. The writer sums up thus:—

"The homicide rate of the United States is double that of Italy."

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"The rising tide of crime is not confined to murder. Robbery is 35 times as prevalent in New York as it is in London. In 1923 more than 12 times as many people were robbed in Chicago as in the whole of Canada. The main causes mentioned are:—

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The motion of Leonard Kip Rhineland, New York society man, for a new trial of the eminent suit in which his mother-in-law, Mrs. Alice Jones Rhineland, won the verdict, was dismissed.

time be collected in the still water of the Bay from the myriads of seabirds there, and from the flamingoes, pelicans, and other birds that exist in the lagoons at the head of the Bay. The Bay also abounds with fish of various kinds, and remains of large numbers of whales are strewn along the coast for many miles.

"As a matter pointing to submarine disturbance near the locality, there was a breakage in the telegraph cable to German territory, which reaches the shore at Walfish Bay. This breakage took place a few weeks previous to the upheaval of the island, and I was informed by the manager of the Cable Company's office at Swakopmund that the break occurred about 10 miles from the shore, or 6 miles from the site of the island. The fracture was a most unusual one, the cable being cut clean through, not jagged or cracked, as is the case in most submarine cable fractures."

THE PHILIPPINES.

A DAY IN THE ISLANDS.

There are a thousand stirrings as the first rose blush of the coming day blooms over the emerald-green mountains. They are the stirrings of the tropical dawn in a land where all nature wakes with the first tracings of light in the east and calls upon all dumb things to be up and making the most of the young hours of day. And men have learned to follow her example, here as in all parts of the tropics. For in lands where the sun is high and hot at midday, where even the very air is quiet and at rest then, the early hours are the vital ones for the comings and goings of all living things, that later on one may rest in tranquillity until the waning day grows cool again and the breeze from the sea heralds the fall of evening.

Now the golden light breaks forth and the tropical day has begun. It is as cool and sweet along the palm-lined beach as a summer's morning in a northern clime. Snatches of sea chanteys sound across the placid harbour as the sailors on the anchored ships from many a far land go about their morning duties. And along the near-by wharves is such activity now under way as ill befits one's previous conceptions of the leisure of the tropics. The coolies are already at work piling the bags of sugar aboard a San Francisco-bound ship. They trot to and fro in never-ending line, tireless, industrious; for their trivial wage depends upon achievement alone. As they pass into the go-down each grasps a little stick handed him by the dark-faced lad sitting there, as a manifest of one more fifty succulent pounds taken upon ship-board. At the next go-down great masses of hemp, soft and airy-light, are being spread forth to dry in the already glowing tropical sun. Wonder of wonders; that out of this fleecy stuff shall be woven the hawes, that can swing twenty thousand ton ships!

There is the smell of copra, of sugar, of dried fish, of, who may say what? along the river wharves. Up to the go-downs back the motor-trucks of the Occident side by side with the bull-drawn carts of the East, while along the quayside, little gongs clanging importantly, dash pony-drawn chaises with grave-looking elderly Chinese on their way to their shops or warehouses. Filipino women, young and old, Visayans, Negritos, Tagalogs, Moros, each differently attired in garb strange to Occidental eyes, lend colour to the active picture. Curious sailing canoes go down the stream with the tide, wide outriggers on either side, darting and pirouetting about like sea birds. Across the river from the native quarter, where the houses stand on stilts along the water's edge, comes a sort of catamaran-ferry, sculled by a single vociferous ferryman, laden with young and old until it seems ready to sink beneath the surface. There is a horde of dumb things about. Pigs nuzzle complacently in corners and along the narrow alleyways; dogs lie curled up in the sun in the most impossible places, unconcernedly placing themselves in imminent jeopardy from the fast-growing traffic; fowl strut indifferently about as if the whole place were one gigantic banyard. A throng of brown children appears with magical suddenness, gathering covetously about the tiny sweet stands and fruit-vendors' baskets in the shadows of the great go-downs. A medley of whistles from tugs and launches in the river signals the arrival of the lighters from the great ships in the harbour. Lighters piled high with goods from America, and from Europe, lately arrived via Panama or Suez.

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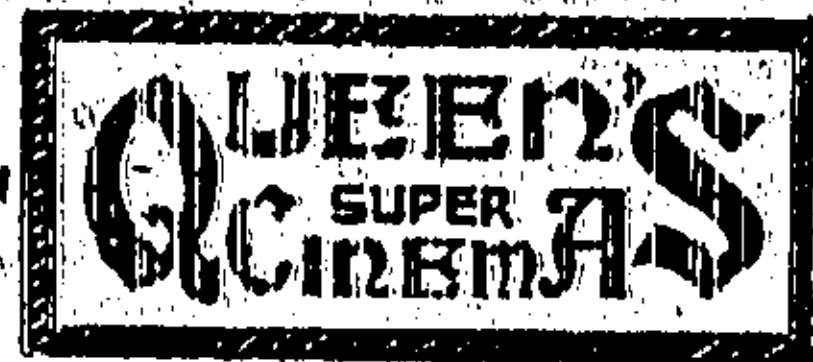
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